

Counting up volunteer hours

In a town well known for its numerous volunteer groups, one often wonders just how many volunteer hours are put in during the course of a year. Attempting to track down these figures is one of the tasks the Volunteer Week Advisory Board has set for themselves.

During the next few weeks, the Board's own volunteers will be contacting the presi-

dents and chairpeople of groups serving the interests of all community residents from infants to seniors, in an attempt to find out how many members each group has, a few facts about that group, and if possible, how many hours the group's members total up in volunteer activities - including attending meetings, working at projects ranging from bake sales to fa-

cility building, and taking care of all the details that being part of an organization involves. The Volunteer Week Advisory Board hopes to add

Your hours count

all these figures up, and find just how many volunteers Elk Point has, and how many hours have been put in during the last year, so these statis-

tics can be released during Volunteer Week, April 18 to 24.

VolunteerWeek plans are proceeding well, with two main events scheduled. Volunteers of all ages are invited to come out, relax and be entertained at the Volunteer Week kickoff on Sunday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m., when the Fab Two Theatre will present "Little Red Volunteer Hood,"

followed by Jon Lee Kootenkoff with a dynamic presentation on volunteering. MP Deborah Grey will be on hand for the kickoff as well.

An entertaining and informative speaker, Sandra Young Kolbuc, has been booked for Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. for a workshop aimed at putting fun in your volunteering. Both events are free of charge.

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CHARRED REMAINS - Blackened beams and crumpled roofing are all that is left of the former 3D Shell Station on the corner of Highway 41 and Railway Avenue in Elk Point. The building was consumed by fire last Monday evening, and shot flames high into the night sky, attracting a crowd of curious onlookers. The property, owned by Mary Derewynka, was currently used by an oilfield service company.

Chamber out for members

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is embarking on their 1993 membership drive, with a new and modern approach: the executive, doubling as a membership and finance committee, will let their fingers do some of the walking as they solicit memberships via fax machines. All businesses in Elk Point will be approached, those not equipped with a fax number will receive their list of membership fees and a tear-off coupon to return with the appropriate amount, by mail. The mail- and fax-out will be followed up with phone calls later in the month to businesses which do not respond.

Membership fees for 1993 remain at last year's levels, with a business with one to three employees paying \$20, four to six employees \$25, seven to nine employees \$35, ten or more employees \$50. Individual memberships are \$15 and senior memberships \$10.

Committee appointments have been made. Sherry Ozust, Sharon Smith, Jeanine Boratynec and Phil Sheplaw make up the Business Promotion Committee, while Dave Yake is heading up the Economic Development Committee. The Tourism Committee will consist of Vicki Brooker, Billie Milholland and John Henderson, and Millie Orr will look after Agricultural developments.

A representative to attend Interagency meetings is needed. These meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month during the noon hour. Mark Wilson, who has been attending the meetings, said he feels the concept is turning into a worthwhile en-

deavor and promotes sharing of information between the groups in the area.

With the Midget C Hockey Provincial Tournament again in Elk Point, some merchants are once again planning to hold a "GST - FREE" weekend, which was a big success last year.

The recent Canadian National Railways layoffs prompted John Henderson to ask the Chamber if this is increasing concerns regarding the potential loss of railway transportation for the area's grain. He feels the community is vulnerable as concerns the grain elevators, and that saving the rail line is important to our economy. This will be looked into by the Agriculture and Economic Development committees.

Henderson also commented on his Quality Time Tours bus service, which he feels benefits the community by allowing seniors easy access to independent travel. He reminded the Chamber that freight service is also available. He is now offering special rates on return trips to Edmonton one day a month, and will be offering vacation tours in the summer.

Atoms win in Mannville

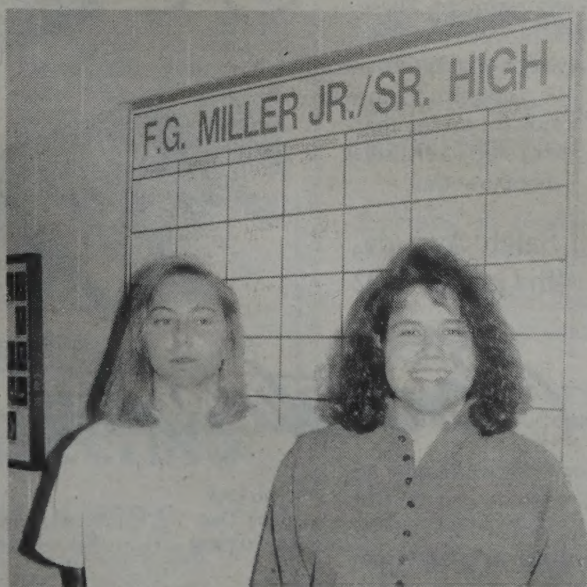
Elk Point's IDA Capitols were the A Side winners of this weekend's Atom Hockey Tournament in Mannville. The won 10 - 2 over Vermilion, 12 - 1 over Irma and 4 - 3 over Mannville to advance to the finals, where they beat Vermilion 4 - 1. Congratulations!

Al Poirier seeks PC nomination

Al Poirier of St. Paul is the first person to announce his candidacy for the provincial Progressive Conservative nomination in the newly expanded LacLaBiche - St. Paul riding.

Poirier announced his decision last week, and said several people had approached him to run, and that he has been seriously considering this first venture into politics for the past three months.

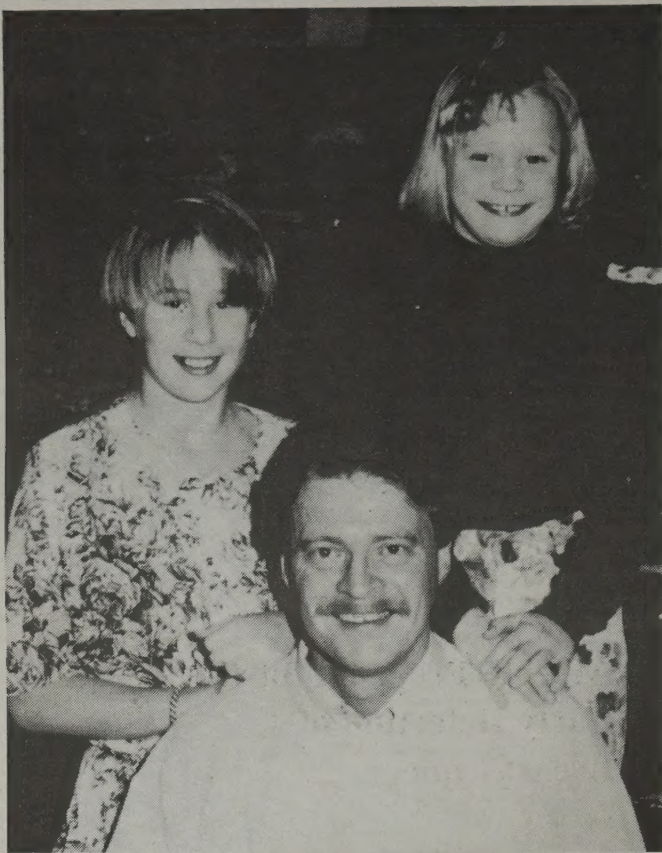
A strong belief in openness and honesty has worked well for him in the business world, Poirier said, and he feels this will serve him equally well in the political arena.



OFF TO OTTAWA - Tanya Stone (left) and Christine Seniuk are visiting the nation's capitol as part of the Encounters With Canada program. Ms Seniuk left Sunday, and will be taking courses in communications and journalism, while Ms Stone departs March 14 for a week's study of science and technology. Sponsors include the County of St. Paul, Shamrock Valley Enterprises, Amoco Canada and the Town of Elk Point. Each girl will travel on her own with a goal of meeting new people from across Canada.

Elk Point Surface Rights Ass'n Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 1993 -- 1:30 p.m. -- Empress Family Restaurant



PC CANDIDATE -- Al Poirier has announced he is seeking the Progressive Conservative nomination for the Lac La Biche - St. Paul provincial constituency. Pictured with him are his two daughters - Pam, 12, and Michelle, 10.

Poirier for P.C.

I, Al Poirier, am pleased to announce my candidacy for the upcoming Progressive Conservative nomination.

I am a lifelong resident of St. Paul, and have seen many changes take place in this region over the past 39 years. After graduating from high school in St. Paul, I enrolled in NAIT. Prior to receiving my Business Administration diploma, I was offered a position with an accounting firm. I accepted this opportunity, and the experience provided me with a solid working knowledge from bookkeeping to income tax filing.

In 1973, I obtained my Real Estate License, and became an active agent in 1974 working for my father's real estate firm in St. Paul. Upon our father's retirement from real estate, my brother, Darryl and I took over the family business and continued our firm's commitment to providing the St. Paul region with the best in real estate service. In 1991, Poirier Real Estate took on a new look by joining with the local NRS franchise. The merger of Poirier Real Estate and NRS has given our

firm the opportunity to expand our area of services to now include Lad La Biche and its surrounding communities.

I have been an active and interested member of the St. Paul community for many years. My involvement has included: Chairperson for St. Paul Police Commission on elected to the first board of directors of the Alberta Association of Police Commission, Past President of St. Paul Junior Chamber of Commerce, past chairperson of Early Childhood Services, founding member and active member of

Ducks Unlimited plus many other volunteer groups.

I am very actively involved in the educational and recreational activities of my children Pam, 12, and Michelle, 10.

As a very honest and hard working individual, I wish to become actively involved in the formation of policies, our new government is undertaking under our new Leader RALPH KLEIN. Changes is the keyword, bringing to the public a new open approach.

TO JOIN OUR TEAM CONTACT: Darryl Poirier, 645-4535.

Elks lose to Neilburg

Elk Point Elks lost a 8-5 decision to Neilburg Monarchs Saturday night in their road trip first game of the best-of-5 playoff series. The second game of the series was scheduled for last night in Elk Point.

Layne Gauchier, with two goals and one assist, led Elk Point's scoring. Greg Desaulniers and Kelly Harms, both with shorthanded goals, and Dwayne Karbaszewski con-

tributed the other three. Desaulniers assisted on two goals.

The first period ended in a 3-3 tie, and the Elks pulled ahead briefly with the first goal of the second period before being firmly squelched by four Monarchs goals. The final Elks goal, three minutes into the final period, was answered by two from the Monarchs for a final 8-5 score in the Monarchs' favor.

Thunder zone 2 champs

The Elk Point Thunder Midgets successfully defended their title as Zone 2 champions in the Midget 'C' category this weekend.

The team travelled to Marwayne on Friday, with a three goal cushion from the first game played in Elk Point, when they defeated the Marwayne Elks 8-5.

There was no scoring in the first period. In the second, the Elks scored two goals at the 4:33 and 7:24 marks of the period. Thunder's lead was cut to one goal. Kyle Sakowski replied with two goals for Elk Point at 12:58 and 15:10. Tyson Stafford and Danny Flett drew the assists on the first goal. Kyle intercepted a pass on the blue line while killing a penalty and went in all alone to tie the game up.

Marwayne scored 33 seconds into the third, but

Thunder replied 38 seconds later on a goal by Brian Makowecki, with assists to Clayton Holthe and Kyle Sakowski. Marwayne went ahead 4-3 at 3:11 and Wade Hepburn tied it back up at 12:29 with Tyson Stafford getting the lone assist. Jason Morris got the go-ahead goal and the game winner with just over four minutes left in the game. Brian Makowecki and Robyn Moroziuk drew the assists. With the net empty, Tyson Stafford fed Danny Flett a breakaway pass and the final score was 6-4, with Elk Point winning the two game total point series 14-9.

Vegreville's Midget 'A' team will be in town this Sunday at 2:30 for an exhibition game. Thunder was defeated in the league playoffs by St. Walburg's 'AA' team, with scores of 7-2 and 7-4.

Thank You

The Elk Point Scouting Ass'n

Would like to thank all those who contributed to our 1993 Family Banquet. Special thanks goes out to: Lions Club, Elks Club, Bilak Family, Vicki Brooker, Bryan Campbell, Ray Danyluk, Sam Donaldson, Flanders Family, Huffman Family, Pat Johnson, Ron Johnson, Keichinger Family, Vern King, Korpan Family, Irene Melin, Roxanne Ringuette, Bill Schumacher, Walter Skolarchuk, Veenstra Family, Tim Zarowny, Zarowny Family, Amoco Canada, E-Can Oilfield Services, Golden Loaf Bakery, Home Town Grocers, Lakeland Meat Processors, Norcen Energy Resources, Pan Canadian, Vogel's U.F.A.

In the spirit of our Family Banquet theme "How I Can Help Others", a donation has been made to the Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund.

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What's Happening At COMMUNITY SERVICES

The proportion of our aging population is increasing. As the population ages, increasing numbers of older Albertans will require health care, as well as associated supportive and educational resources, to help them make decisions about their health and changes in their lifestyle. Appropriate education for older people as well as those people who provide services to seniors can play an important role in enhancing the quality of life that seniors experience.

In this workshop, a health promotion approach is used in meeting the needs of older adults. This approach is based on four premises:

- understanding the experience of older people
- assessing their current status and future aspirations
- helping older people work on their own behalf
- helping to develop health-enhancing environments for older people

This workshop will be of primary interest to: seniors, health care or helping professionals, community service workers, nursing aides, volunteers, educators, or family members or friends who participate in making lifestyle decisions with seniors.

DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 1993

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre

FEE: \$5 (includes lunch and refreshments)

INSTRUCTOR: Jack McIntyre.

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Community Services at 724-3800.

BECAUSE WE CARE

Do you need child care arrangements for your child during the day while you are at work or at school? Would you like your child in a home which has been approved and is monitored regularly? Is it important to you that your child receive nutritious snacks and lunches? Would you like to know that your child will be exposed to a variety of activities each day? Would you like to feel comfortable in knowing that the person you have caring for your child can handle emergency situations because they have

taken a First Aid In Child Care Course? And, what about payment - wouldn't it be nice to receive a receipt for all the money you spend on child care?

If you answer yes to any of the above questions and you are looking for child care arrangements, please give Deanna Easthope, Coordinator of Elk Point Child Care Services a call at 724-3933 or on Fridays at the Community Services Office, 724-3800.

BACK THE ATTACK ON ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES!

The Alberta Lung Association is holding its annual campaign to raise funds for research on Asthma and Allergies. The campaign runs from March 15 to April 3.

Canvassers for the Town of Elk Point are needed. If you can help out call Joanne at 724-2434.

LIONS CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

The 1993 Lions Club Birthday Calendars are now available for pickup and delivery. The cost is \$5 per calendar. Community Services has a supply on hand, or call Marshall Kachmar at 724-4351 to obtain one.

TEACHING YOUR CHILD ABOUT SEXUALITY

Elk Point Child Care Services, Jack and Jill Play-school, Elk Point Parent Nursery and Further Education present the third workshop in the 1993 Parenting Series: "Teaching Your Child About Sexuality." It will be held on Thursday, March 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Further Education Centre. The workshop will have a pre-adolescent focus. The fee is \$2.50. Call 724-4101 to register.

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING SUPPORT GROUPS

Self support groups are a way of the '90s to address the common issues affecting our communities. Topics will include: Thoughts for Support Groups, Finding Out About Needs, Getting Started, Keeping Your Group Going and Other Helpful Resources. Presenter is Karen Carlyle of

Well informed workshop

Positive Connections, Edmonton.

This workshop is jointly hosted by the County and Town of St. Paul FCSS and Elk Point Community Services. It will be held at the County Office, lower level, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 12. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch.

PRIMARY COUNSELLING SKILLS

The intent of this workshop is for individuals to develop communication skills that are useful for anyone in a helping relationship.

This three day workshop will be held on March 16, 17 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the AADAC Office in St. Paul.

The \$25 registration fee includes materials and refresh-

ments.

To register call: Terri at 724-3800, Linnette at 645-1950 or AADAC at 624-6346.

FAMILY VIOLENCE IS REAL - SUPPORT GROUPS HELP HEAL

The Elk Point Support Group provides confidential support to adults and to adult victims of sexual, mental, emotional and physical abuse. The next meeting is Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elk Point Municipal Hospital. Everyone is welcome.

TIDBITS

The hot sun melts the snows: When anger comes,

wisdom goes.

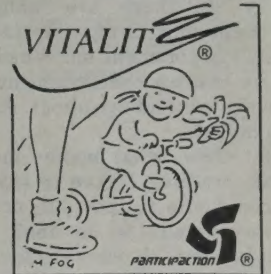
- Hind: folk wisdom

When you have made a fool of yourself, a real friend doesn't feel that you've done a permanent job.

- Anonymous

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.

- Calvin Ellis Stowe



Screen Test

Alberta Program for the Early Detection of Breast Cancer

Screen Test and North Eastern Alberta Health Unit are working in partnership to bring breast cancer screening to the Elk Point and surrounding area. Mammography and education on breast health are free and available for women 50-69 years of age. A doctor's referral is not required.

You may make your appointment by calling

1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

The MOBILE SCREEN TEST UNIT will be in Elk Point on the following dates:

Elk Point Hospital Mar. 12, 15, 16, 17 /93
5310 - 50 Avenue

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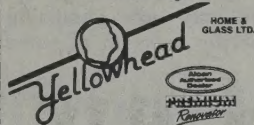
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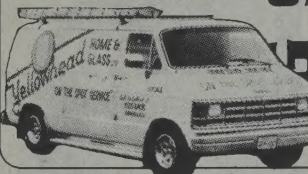
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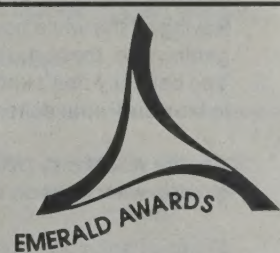
LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

If you, your business or organization, or someone you know has helped preserve, protect or enhance our environment, recognize these efforts through an Emerald Award Nomination.

"Emeralds" are awarded for commitment to environmental excellence by Albertans in nine categories:

- Environmental Products
- Large Business/Industry
- Media
- Individual-Volunteer
- Not-for-Profit/Community Organization
- Environmental Services
- Small Business
- Education
- Individual-Business

Be recognized for your efforts to help our environment. Call or write for a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is March 19. The Emerald Awards will be presented at a reception June 7 at Calgary's Jack Singer Concert Hall.



For nomination forms contact:

Alberta Foundation For
Environmental Excellence
600, 12220 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2
Phone: (403) 482-9200
1-800-567-9200
Fax: (403) 482-9100

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LAC LA BICHE, ST. PAUL PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION FOUNDING MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1993
ASHMONT AGRIPLEX -- 2:30 P.M.
AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Constitution for the new Association
2. Election of Officers for the new Constituency Association
3. Memberships will be available at door.

For further information contact:

Ron Didler 623-2449; Darryl Poirler 645-4535

Editorial

Trying too hard?

This is proving to be a difficult day for me. Chiefly, because it's my day to write - and so far I've not thought of anything earth shaking to write about. Well - that's not really so; there are many earth-shaking things (far too many!) to comment on. Which means to draw conclusions on, or make wise advice about. As I usually do.

But then, what makes me think anything I have to say, or comments to toss out, are of any import to anyone? I imagine you all worry about the affairs of the world, the wars and starvations, the killings and depressions, just as I do. Sometimes it seems they are overwhelming and there is nothing at all we can do to keep the wolves down, the scorpions from the naked feet, the killers from the helpless. Actually, there are some of us who truly want to help.

Then there are others. Some will **think** they are helping. I suppose they are unable to stand back and look at themselves, or at least their reflections in a mirror, to see how utterly ridiculous their stand is.

For a brief example, I will choose the wonderfully brilliant persons we are hearing about lately, who feel the world is not supporting enough wolves, so they are

going to "boycott" the Province of Alberta - along with the Territories - because some farmers or hunters, trappers or fishermen, who live in these lands, make an effort to protect themselves, their kids and livestock, from the predations of wolves.

Protection would be the chief reason for taking the lives of these animals, since the foolishness of 'animal rights' fanatics have destroyed the once-profitable and very reasonable fur-trade business. Now, if a wolf, or other fur-bearing animal has to be destroyed, its fur is not harvested, but thrown away, so as not to displease the dogooders. What a waste!

Then I challenge the 'animal rights' fanatics to suggest what these large, ferocious and very hungry animals live on? No, they don't eat potatoes. Or rice. No indeed. Wolves eat meat. As do coyotes, weasels, owls and many other creatures of the wilds, even those wretched Peregrine Falcons, which gobble up songbirds by the gross.

So what meat are they devouring? Mainly, I believe, rabbits, squirrels, birds, all sorts of deer, moose, caribou, elk, mice and suchlike. Probably beavers, rats, quail and any other ground bird they can find.

And when these run in short supply, as they are bound to when there is an over-abundance of wolves, why then they will start on the dogs, cats, calves and cows, even colts, which the people of the land need for their livelihood and comfort. It is completely idiotic to expect mankind to allow the wild animals of the world to take over their lives. Especially just to please some freakish cult of interfering humans, who quite obviously don't know what they are talking about.

This is very much in keeping with the ecology-interfering nitwits who have gotten a bann on the taking (or thinning out) of sea otters and seals, to the extent that the fishermen who have gathered salmon for the food of man, are banned from fishing (or find it in vain) while the sea lions, etc., are allowed to fill themselves to bulging, and endlessly kill the fish once shared by man.

Every time humans interfere with Old Mother Nature, in some senseless do-gooder ritual, they mess things up. We are only now glimpsing the horrific mess-up of some

Alberta Trails

By Irene Magnusson



of their wild ideas. I am not advocating killing for the joy of killing. Trophy fishing, and taking lives just for the antlers, is wasteful of the resources the world possesses - other deals like that.

But from the tiniest insect ever hatched, to the largest predator on earth, there is a food chain. The big ones eat the smaller ones. And at the end of it all, the cycle starts up all over again, with the small ones devouring the largest. No other life-type interferes; why should humans?

True, we are the smart ones, we can reason, talk and write; but does that give us the right to interfere with the grand plan of life here on earth? I doubt it.

And hearing no answers echoing forth from my empty rooms, I will call that my "say for the day" and let it go. I hope the idiot who recommends "fencing out the wolves" can guess how to build a

million miles of 6 to 8 foot page-mesh fencing, and also realize that sending dogs after wolves is a bit like sending mice after cats: it doesn't work that way.

Maybe we'll find, one day, that the chemical fumes and residue of making (and riding ourselves of later) nylon, fortrel and other synthetic fibres, is a pollutant far worse than the 'terrible' crime of wearing skins and furs.

Now I must get off outdoors, and wear off my 'cabin fever' and some of the depression that comes from listening to the news too often. It is a lot easier to laugh than grouch. But we need a little help with that, too. Perhaps I'm trying too hard?

So here's to something to laugh, smile or grin about, in YOUR day!

Another point of view

Bridget Montgomery

Another Point of View is for teens to talk about problems they're facing. All letters will be presented confidentially. Please write to: Another Point of View, c/o Elk Point Review, Box 309, Point, AB, T0A 1A0.

This week's column will be brief. My mailbox has been empty the past two weeks. So I'll use a situation from my personal life that I hope some readers will be able to help me with.

Dear Readers,

I write a column in my local newspaper responding to personal issues posed by teenagers. The problem is that lately there has been no mail. So I've had to start writing to myself. What should I do? I do enjoy writing the column.

Signed,
Hopeful Helper

When you are offended at any man's fault, turn to yourself and study your own failings. Then you will forget your anger.

Just a farmer

Just a farmer, that's all he is,
this man who toils seven days a week so
Urban families can fill their carts
with milk and eggs and meat they take for granted,
Saying all the while how the farmer "must be
getting rich, these groceries cost so much."
Too bad they don't know about the real cost,
in time and input dollars and determination.

Ah, but would they believe it, anyway,
or care, what goes on before the store?

Fields of grain don't grow themselves,
they take fertilizer and \$100,000 tractors
And prayers for rain that somehow only comes
when the hay is swathed and nearly ready to bale.
Roasts of beef don't come wrapped for the showcase;
they take midnight calving checks, pen cleaning,
Mixmills at forty below, and marketing knowhow
to come out ahead and pay back the bank.
Effort, commitment, and dedication to his life
and his land go without saying, and his
Riches are in being at one with the land
far more than in cash to put in his pocket.

"And the farmer feeds us all..."



BOOK FAIR IS COMING! - Once again, Education Week will feature a book fair at Elk Point Elementary School. Clifford, Scholastic Books' famous big red dog, and one of his fans, Michael Wakaruk, can hardly wait. The Book Fair will go Wednesday, March 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

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Wheat Pool marks seventy years

Alberta Wheat Pool is marking its seventieth anniversary of operation in 1993, and has purchased and restored a 1923 Model T Ford car which will be seen in parades across the province this summer, before being raffled off to raise money for STARS Air Ambulance. AWP also donated \$100,000 to STARS last year, as they feel this is a very worthwhile program, and has saved the lives of numerous injured farmers.

AWP held their annual Delegate Meeting in Elk Point on February 16, and delegate Ken Shalka told the members how fortunate they are to live in a country like Canada. Shalka was just back from 28 days in Kiev, Russia, and lost 20 pounds due to the less than plentiful food in that country. "We don't realize how lucky we are," he said. "If they had the Canadian Wheat Board and Alberta Wheat Pool, they'd be doing good" with deep soil, no rocks and big fields to farm. "They have food, but not good food." Farmers there are thought of as peasants. "Our stores are full. We may not have money, but they don't have money or products." He continued, "Our forefathers came from Europe. They made what they did here for a reason, and we should respect that."

Alberta Wheat Pool made a \$12.3 million profit last year, up from \$7.7 million the previous year. Out of this, they paid \$870,000 to estates, \$73,000 to those who asked to sell their equity on compassionate grounds, and \$1.8 million to those who have ceased farming. Senior members from 81 to 106 years of age have been paid out, while those 80 years of age received a percentage. AWP also paid \$1.2 million in income tax on behalf of their members.

The Pool was able to save \$20 million on their Vancouver terminal project, and the improvements at that site will save \$8 million in decreased labor requirements. They have now sold their

Conoco holdings, which were purchased in the days of the 'oil scare' to make sure there was fuel for farmers. Their purchases of Drummond Breweries and Byers Flour Mills have also paid off, with a profit on both in the past year.

Western Canadian Fertilizers Limited earned \$1.3 million last year and expects

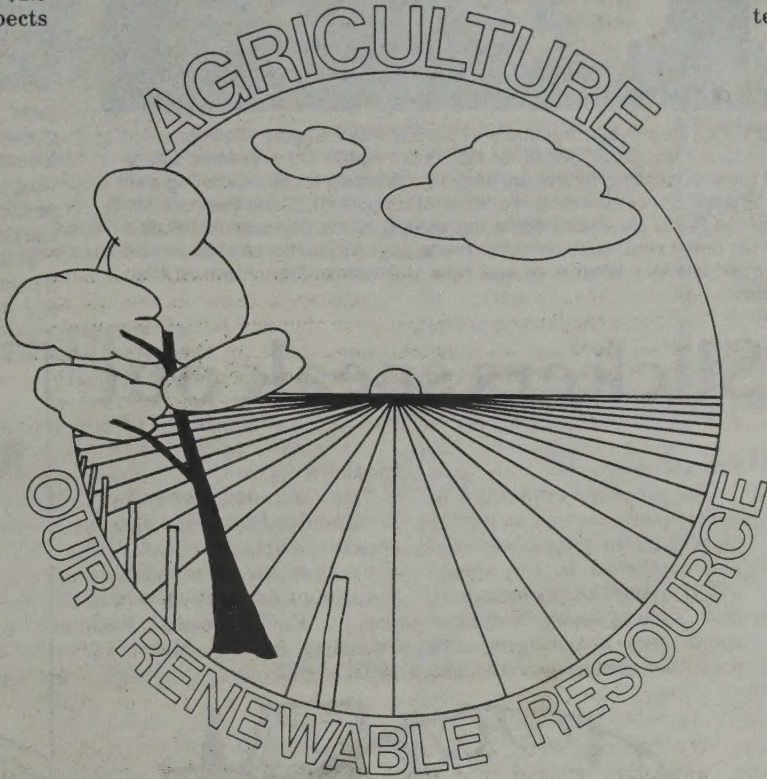
to be debt free by 1996. They have sold off their US interests, and are now looking at a cooperative scheme with the city of Calgary to compost leaves and other organic matter with the millions of tonnes of phospho gypsum in their plant's tailings ponds to

create a usable product.

Elk Point's new fertilizer blending plant did very well in its first year, with over 2000 tonnes put through it. This marked an increase in fertilizer sales despite the dry conditions which deterred many farmers from using fer-

tilizer in order to minimize input costs.

New ideas for the future of Pool include a 'mini pool' system for canola, in which the year is split into four quarters for futures marketing. This would provide growers with a deferred delivery contract on a shorter term basis.



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Research funding

The Canadian Wheat Board in conjunction with the Western Grain Research Foundation continue to develop a plan for a check-off on barley and wheat to go towards research. It is hoped that the funds will be available from the 92-93 pool accounts. It would appear at this time, because of opposition from the Alberta Barley Commission, that barley producers in Alberta will not participate in the board's proposal but will continue to have their check-off taken by the commission.



SADDLE SLICKERS COMPETE - Each year, members of the Elk Point Saddle Slickers enjoy public speaking and demonstration competitions. Shown at the recent Speak-Off are, front, left to right, Pee Wees Tara Campbell (public speaking runner-up) and Garrett Poulin (public speaking winner), and standing, left to right, Shanna Baker (Senior demonstration runner-up), Diane Babcock (Jr. Public Speaking runner-up), Jaylene Purdy (Jr. Public Speaking winner), Carla Domstad (Sr. Public Speaking winner), James Purdy (Jr. demonstration runner-up), Yvette Laux (Sr. demonstration winner and public speaking runner-up), judges Alex Westbrook and Kyla Makowecki. Not shown is Allan Baker, Junior Demonstration winner.

Saddle Slickers speak out

Ruth Purdy
Saddle Slickers Leader

Seven members from the Elk Point Saddle Slickers 4-H Light Horse Club participated in their Public Speaking Competition at the F.G. Miller Junior - Senior High School on Wednesday, February 24. The judges, Mrs. Alex Westbrook and Miss Kyla Makowecki, faced the difficult task of evaluating the members' prepared and impromptu topics which ranged from an informative presentation about ostriches to a fairy tale about "The Dangerous Dragon and a Victorious Knight."

Garrett Poulin won the Pee Wee Public Speaking with his story about his horse "Winchester," followed by an impromptu on "Why I Love to Play Nintendo." Runner-up in the Pee Wee division was Tara Campbell with her speech on "My Horses" and an impromptu entitled "A Sleepover to Remember."

Jaylene Purdy won the Junior Public Speaking with an entertaining account of how "It's Tough to Be a Kid" and an impromptu on "If I Won a Million Dollars." Runner-up in the Junior division was Diane Babcock with her sentimental rendering of a young girl losing her horse in "I'll Miss You Fahleen." Diane presented an excellent impromptu on "My Favorite Hobby." Third place in the Junior category went to James Purdy with his original fairy tale, "The Dangerous Dragon and a Victorious Knight" and his impromptu on "What I'd Like To Be When I Grow Up."

In the Senior category, Carla Domstad won with her informative speech presenting a grisly account of "Killing For Money," which described an insurance scam involving valuable horses. Her impromptu described "Why I Love Horse Shows." Runner-up in the Senior Category was Yvette Laux with a very interesting speech on "The Ostrich," followed by her impromptu on "My Favorite

Television Shows."

Plaques were presented to the winners, as well as medals to all the members who had competed in the speak-offs. During the presentation, Miss Kyla Makowecki offered some very encouraging and positive comments to the

speakers.

Top Junior speaker, Jaylene Purdy, and top Senior speaker, Carla Domstad, will advance to the District Public Speaking Competition held at the St. Paul Regional High School on Sunday, March 14, 1993.



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Saddle Slickers show skills

Diane Babcock
Club Reporter

On February 20, the 4-H Saddle Slickers presented their demonstrations. There were two seniors and three juniors.

In the Senior division, Shanna Baker and Yvette Laux were the competitors. Shanna gave a demonstration on showmanship. She talked about such things as proper ground handling and what to do in a show class.

Yvette Laux had an equally good demonstration on safe ground handling procedures. Yvette showed the proper way to tie a horse, how to approach a horse and safety precautions.

It was a very close race, but Yvette was rewarded with the first place. Shanna was

only behind by one point.

In the Juniors, the three members were Allan Baker, Jaylene and James Purdy.

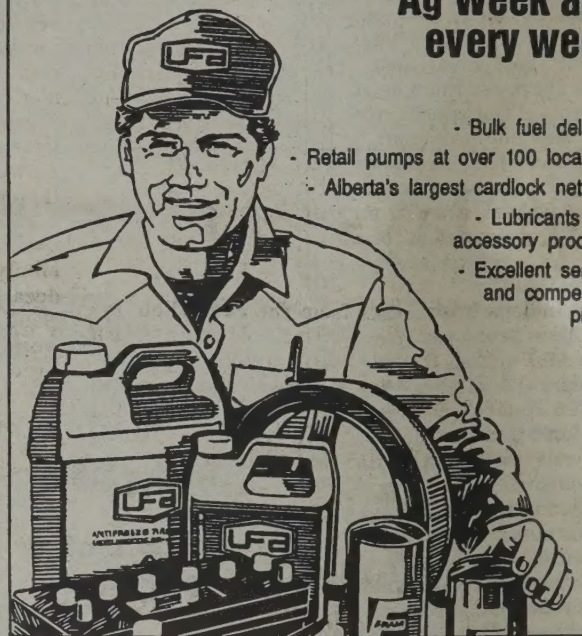
Allan started off by doing a demonstration on teeth. He told us how many teeth a horse has and when they will have all their permanent ones.

Jaylene was next with her demonstration about Lead-line. Leadline is a class for young children who want to ride but can't. Jaylene showed us the proper equipment needed and what the children are judged on.

James gave the last demonstration. His was called novelty games. Some members were able to participate. James set up three games for us to play. We all had fun.

For the Juniors, Allan was the first place winner. James Purdy was the runner-up.

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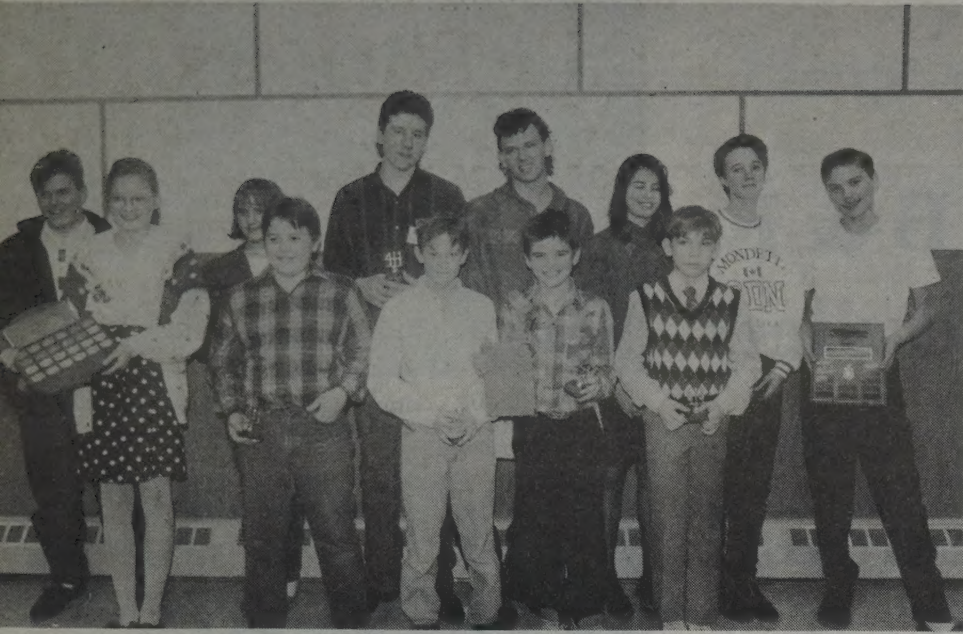
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MULTICLUB PUBLIC SPEAKERS - Elk Point 4-H Multiclub held their annual Speak-Off on Sunday, February 28. Claudia Naber (second from left) won the Elk Point Review trophy in the Junior division, while David Naber won the Alberta Treasury Branch trophy for the Senior division. From left to right are Jason Pankiw, who did a demonstration instead of speaking, Claudia Naber, Taralee Babenek, Tim Havener, timer Sheldon Kinjerski, Rocky Pankiw, MC Shane Smith, Junior runner-up Peter Danyluk, Robyn Danyluk, David Yuschyshyn, Kelly Peterson and David Naber. Not shown are Senior runner-up Carrie Piotrowski and Richard Piotrowski, who was also scheduled to do a demonstration.

Beef Club speakers compete

Elk Point 4-H Beef Club members took part in their annual Public Speaking competition on Sunday, February 8, with two seniors and nine juniors presenting prepared and impromptu speeches. David Naber won the senior division trophy from Alberta

Treasury Branch, with his speech on 'The Rainforest,' with Carrie Piotrowski second with a speech on 'Dolphins.'

In the junior division, the Elk Point Review trophy went to Claudia Naber, who also won it in 1991. Her

speech was on the 'Ecosystem of the Mountains.' Peter Danyluk's speech on 'Smoking' earned him second place. The second place speakers received notebooks from the club. Also speaking in the junior division were David Yuschyshyn, Rocky Pankiw, Kelly Petersen, Robyn Danyluk, Taralee Babenek and Tim Havener.

Judges were Olga Ockerman, Terri Ehlert, Bridget Montgomery, Gabrielle Bayduza, Gloria Oughton and Doug Lindquist, while timers were Sheldon Kinjerski and Vicki Brooker. Lee Wruth served as teller, Shane Smith as Master of Ceremonies and Joanne Bepalko as Impromptu assistant.

Grain days '93

Plans are now underway for grain days '93. Tentative places and dates for district 8 are North Battleford - March 6 and Vermilion - March 30. Because of fallen attendance in the past few years, the meetings this year will take on a new format. Representatives from the Canadian Wheat Board, Canadian Grain Commission, Canadian International Grains Institute and the Grain Transportation Agency will be present to answer questions from producers. Meetings will start at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast followed by the business meeting at 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. Farmers can get more de-

tails from the Jan. / Feb. issue of Grain Matters which will be out by the end of February. Also in this issue will be the audited financial statement. PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY.

Wheat Board advisory report

Lorne A. Pattison

District No. 8

Deliveries and exports fell behind during December and January due to the extremely cold weather. As stocks of good quality grain disappear this trend will likely to continue. Total exports of all grains to the U.S.A. in 92-93 are 963,900 tonnes compared to 628,400 last year at the same time.

Quota Change

The Federal Government's decision to remove flax and canola quotas in the middle of the crop year has put an extra burden on the Canadian Wheat Board to move more feed wheat. Four hundred and eighteen thousand acres moved into wheat acres, as a result an extra three hundred and fifty thousand tonnes of feed wheat are added to each quota. Because of this change the Board was only able to offer a 1.5 bu. quota effective January 22.

As these imbalances in the quota system become more

disproportional, I believe farmers will have to consider total contracting in order to bring some fairness back into the system.

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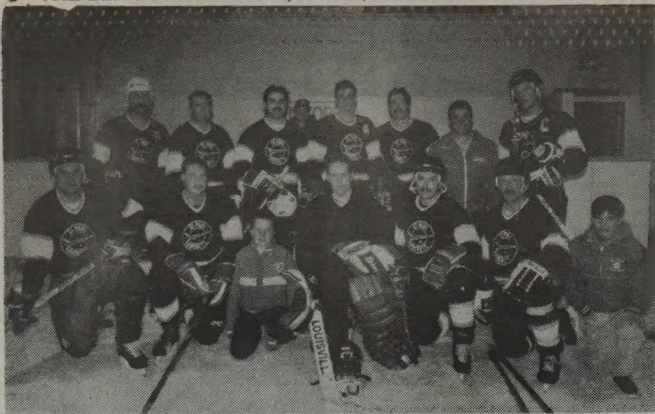
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A SIDE WINNERS - St. Paul Rockets came close to a shutout against Lloydminster Outlaws in the A Side of the B & R Bullets hockey tournament, to win the \$500 top prize in the event. Doug Bassett, back row second from right, presented the B & R Eckels Transport trophy.



B SIDE WINNERS - Glendon's squad was nattily attired in Shark suits complete with forks and pyrogies for their close win over Redwater. They took home \$350 in prize money and a trophy from Hahn Welding, presented by George Hahn (left).

B & R Bullets

6th annual Hockey Tourney



A RUNNERS-UP - Lloydminster Outlaws lost 6 - 1 in the final, but went home with \$400 consolation prize, as well as a trophy from B & R. Doug Bassett made the presentation.



B RUNNERS-UP - Redwater placed second in the B side, for a \$250 prize and a trophy presented by George Hahn (left) of Hahn Welding. Other teams taking part in the tournament were Bonnyville GenMec, St. Paul Hawks, Frog Lake T-Birds, Elk Point Broncos, Franchere Bay Hawks, SOS Sharks, B & R Bullets and Edmonton Bullets.



A RACE TO THE FINISH - Elk Point's Cub pack practiced up for the upcoming KubKar Rally in St. Paul as a fun finale to their weekend of winter camping at Camp Whitney. Parents also got in the race and tried out some cars of their own.



TENNIS CLUB BENEFITS - With spring fast approaching, thoughts of Elk Point's tennis buffs are turning to their favorite sport. Glenn Flanders of Elk Point Lions Club presented Jim Hawkins of the Tennis Club with a welcome donation to help with club operations this year.



COUNTY CUP CURLERS - Belated congratulations to Denis Jasinsky, Tenille Anderson, Sean Fairbairn and Jennifer Jasinsky, who won the St. Paul Athletic Association County Championship in Senior Mixed Curling.

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MARCH

March 7: 2nd Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. - St. Paul
12:00 p.m. - Bonnyville
March 14: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Veneration of the Cross
9:00 a.m. - St. Paul
12:00 p.m. - Stry
5:00 p.m. - Bonnyville
March 21: 4th Sunday of Lent
Commemoration of St. John of
Climacus
9:00 a.m. - Spedden
12:00 p.m. - Glendon
March 28: 5th Sunday of Lent:
Commemoration of St. Mary of
Egypt
9:00 a.m. - Bonnyville
12:00 p.m. - St. Paul
5:00 p.m. - Stry
March 30: Tuesday - Sacrament of
Reconciliation / Confessions:
6:30 p.m. - Glendon
8:30 p.m. - Bonnyville
April 1: Thursday - Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confessions
6:30 p.m. - St. Paul
8:30 p.m. - Spedden
April 2: Friday - Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confessions
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WHAT'S NEWS AT THE LIBRARY?



LITERACY QUILT DISPLAYED - Local quilter and LEARN Tutor Edith Mitchell proudly points out the square she designed and quilted for the Literacy Quilt, which drew lots of attention from visitors to Elk Point Library last week. The quilt is made up of squares created by adult literacy groups around the province, and is accompanied by a book explaining the significance of each design.



TIME FOR TEA - Guides Jamy Croteau, Erin Bintz and Patricia Keichinger serve the visitors to their Valentine's Tea, under the watchful eye of Guider-in-Charge Debra Hiron (seated at left).

Here's a question for you

Dear Readers:

How is your knowledge of Canada? We will be featuring a question about our country from time to time, and we will supply the answer in the following week's column. So put on your thinking caps. This week's question is: How long has the Town of Elk Point had

a public library?

Thanks to all the Friends of the Elk Point Library who helped at the very successful bingo on February 27 at Club Bingo in St. Paul.

March 1 to 8 was "Freedom To Read Week!" We were fortunate to be able to display the literacy quilt in the library during this time.

Steve Andrishak has kindly brought in his collection of antique Easter cards for display in our showcases. Thank you, Steve!

NEW BOOKS

The following books have been donated to the library:

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Another historical romance by Author Shannon Drake, is **Damsel In Distress**, where a beautiful heiress is forced to marry her handsome guardian.

The Heartland Heritage series brings us **Noe Time For Tears** by June Masters Bacher, who brings a rich history and strong spiritual insight in a riveting drama set in the dust bowl days of the Great Depression.

Two books from the 'Journals of Corrie Bell Hollister' written by Michael Phillips are **Into the Long Dark Night**

and **Sea To Shining Sea**.

For our juvenile reader we have four books in the 'Best Friends' series by author Hilda Stahl: **Chelsea and the Outrageous Phone Bill** (No. 1), **Big Trouble For Roxie** (No. 2), **Kathy's Baby-Sitting Hassle** (No. 3) and **Hannah and the Special 4th of July** (No. 4). Two books in the 'Adventures of Northwood' series by Lois Walfrid Johnson: **The Mysterious Hideaway** (No. 6) in which the boy's suspicions centred on the schoolhouse, would they find what they hoped for? and **Grandpa's Stolen Treasure** (No. 7) - Grandma's lost, will they find her in time?

Heart drive successful

Campaign Chairman Hazel Hannah has reported that Elk Point's goal of \$2000 in the 1993 Heart and Stroke Foundation canvass was exceeded by more than 10 percent, with in excess of \$2200 collected. On behalf of the Foundation, she expresses sincere thanks to all the generous donors for their financial assistance, and to all 19 canvassers for a job well done.

Girl Guides Valentine tea

Irene Magnusson

Girl Guides from the Elk Point area offered a lovely pre-Valentine's Day Tea, on Sunday, February 7, in the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre.

The Guides were well versed in courteous greeting, treating the guests royally. After a warm welcome, guests were offered Guide Calendars, if they wished, a guess of "how many candies in the bowl?" then escorted to tables, where a bevy of eager young ladies served tea, coffee or juice, and a lovely assortment of homebaked tidbits, created, we are told, by the Guides' own hands.

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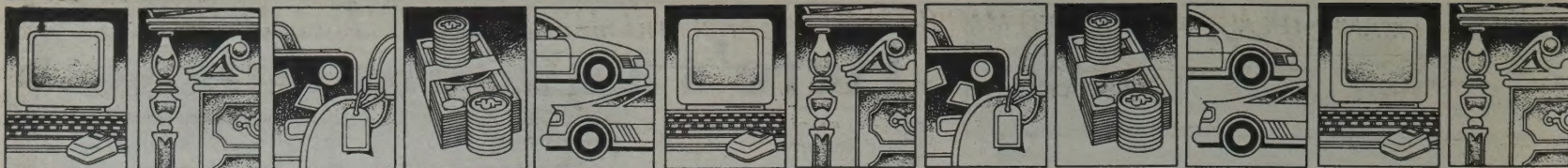
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7 ENTERTAINMENT / EVENTS

MEGA STAMP SHOW, Mar. 19, Noon - 8 p.m. Mar. 20, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mar. 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. West Edmonton Mall. Europa Blvd-level 3. Free admission! 7-2-11

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COFFEE POURING PONTIAC - Colin Zarowny of the Bonnyville Pontiacs Junior A Hockey team visited Dave's Pizza last week as a part of a promotion of the team, and enjoyed visiting with the customers as he served coffee. Zarowny is no stranger to Elk Point, being the son of two former Elk Point residents, Dan and Janice (Andrishak) Zarowny. He is one of three Pontiacs who have been nominated for the newly set up scholarship fund, to which Pan Canadian Petroleum is a major contributor. Zarowny hopes to stay with the Pontiacs for another season before setting off for college. His cousin Aaron, son of David Zarowny, played with the Pontiacs last year and is now with the Western Hockey League's Lethbridge Hurricanes.



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Elk Point Skating Club's Ice Carnival

Presents a "SALUTE TO BROADWAY" -- Elk Point Arena Friday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Saluting our skating club

Elk Point Skating Club is all set to go this weekend with their annual Ice Carnival. They will present "A Salute to Broadway" at 7 p.m. this Friday, March 12.

In addition to the skaters pictured below, the club has 17 skaters taking private lessons and five associate members. These skaters are having an excellent year and will be featured in a later issue.

Taking part in this year's Canfigure program are Taralee Babenek, Bronwyn Bilak, Dawn Dale, Janice Derewynka, Valerie Engstrom, Leanne Longpre, Chantelle Maas, Carson Mutch, Carlen Mutch, Tanya Pankiw and Jackie Penz. A number of these skaters are also part of the Precision Team.



CANSKATE GROUP 1 - This group, instructed by Jackie Wiffen-Peters, consists of Brett Wasylynuk, Ashley Hebblethwaite, Michelle Derewynka, Nicholas Myshaniuk and (not shown) Amie Patroch, Lorne Blacklock and Courtney Bintz.

CANSKATE GROUP 2 - Unfortunately, we were not able to track down this group of Ms Wiffen-Peters' students for a photo: Cassie Nelson, Brett Hahn, Dan-EI Nielsen, Melissa Faithful and Adrienne Faithful.



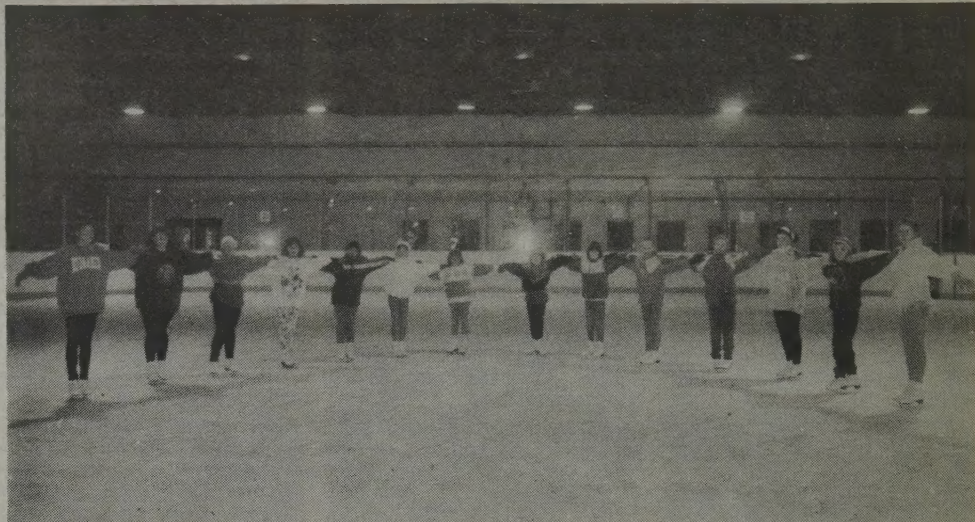
CANSKATE GROUP 3 - Ms Wiffen-Peters' third group of skaters are Maureen Myshaniuk, Kristy Myshaniuk, Kelly Derewynka, Grayson Bilak, Heather Krissa, Tanya Blacklock and (not shown) Derek Thornton.



CANSKATE GROUP 1 - Brian Wiffen-Peters, Michael Mahon, David Ramful, Jan-Marie Kozicky and (not shown) Leanne Ference are students of Callie Baumgardner.



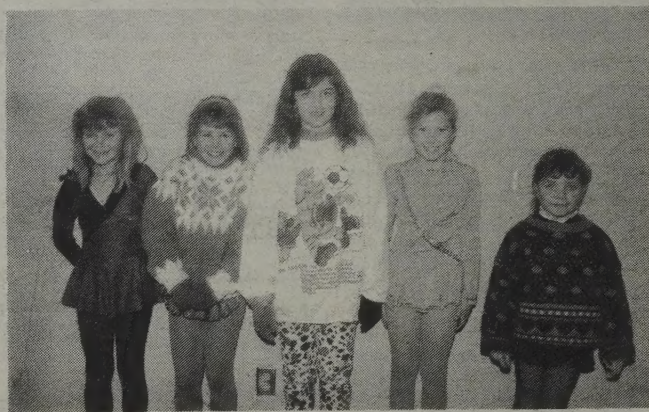
CANSKATE GROUP 2 - Ms Baumgardner's second group includes Michelle Leckie, Danielle Schnurer, Phaedra Thomson, Frances Cardinal and Jennifer Mikitka.



SKATING WITH PRECISION - Elk Point's Precision Team consists of Bronwyn Bilak, Kandice Bjornstad, Kali Cousins, Janice Derewynka, Valerie Engstrom, Jennifer Krankowsky, Michelle Leckie, Leanne Longpre, Chantelle Maas, Carlen Mutch, Tanya Pankiw, Christine Penx, Dorielle Richard, Julie Wiffen-Peters and (not shown) Dawn Dale, Jackie Penz, Nicole Sommerville and Toni Youngchief. They are coached by Leanne Wozniak.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM - Our littlest skaters, only 3 and 4 years of age, are Mark Brodwin, Andria Campbell, Scott Campbell, Ian Jurak, Sarah Mahon, Helen Ramful, Chelsea Schnurer and (not shown) Sara Kozicky and Lisa Kozicky.



CANSKATE GROUP 3 - Also under Ms Baumgardner's instruction are Tracy Longpre, Kali Cousins, Dorielle Richard, Jennifer Krankowski, Kathleen Wilson and (not shown) Nicole Sommerville.



CANSKATE GROUP 4 - The final group instructed by Callie Baumgardner consists of Daylan Hoffman, Aaron Jurak, Alec Richard, Tyler Hebblethwaite and (not shown) Greg Kozicky.

Pioneer Circle bingo

February 21, 1993

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Correction

Leigh Morgan Fashions 1993 line is here with both Children's and Ladies' Wear

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Agriculture: St. Paul's base industry!

Have you considered recently what would happen to St. Paul without farming and the agriculture industry? We might be nothing more than a hamlet. Since its founding by Father Lacombe late in the last century, St. Paul has been an agricultural service centre. The approximately 1,000 farm families who use St. Paul as their primary trading centre continue to be the predominant factor in St. Paul's economy and *raison d'être*.

Each year St. Paul area farmers generate about \$60 million in sales. Most of this income in turn is spent locally, supporting the var-

ious local businesses making St. Paul the major trading and service center it is. The large rural population also is the reason for St. Paul being established as a regional centre for various companies and government and public agencies.

The diversity of our farm production has been a very stabilizing factor for both the farm sector and the local economy. Few areas in the province can boast the range of farm products that are produced here. Cattle, milk and cheese, sheep, pigs, poultry, various grains and oilseeds, forage seeds, honey, trout,

elk, deer, ostriches, wild boars, vegetables, cut flowers, bedding plants and landscaping sod are some of the agriculture products produced locally.

Agriculture service centres are also integral for St. Paul's economy and for employment. The grain elevator companies; feed mills and sales outlets; fertilizer, chemical and farm fuel centres; the auction mart; veterinary clinic; machinery dealerships; Alberta Agriculture; Farm Credit Corporation are all here only because of the farm sector.

Agriculture Week (March 7 to 13) is our opportunity to recognize the very important

role of agriculture in our economy and our way of life.

It is indeed St. Paul's bread and butter!

Quick Agriculture Facts - County of St. Paul #19 (Based on 1991 Census of Agriculture)

Number of Farm.....	953
Total Acres Farmed.....	795,205
Average Acres per Farm.....	834
Total Number of Calls.....	71,362
Average per farm with Cattle.....	114
Total Number of Hogs.....	46,121
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The manure is never exposed to the air, and is applied at a given depth in the soil where it will supply plant nutrients.

"Two of the main benefits are that there is little or no odor associated with this method of manure application," says Ayers-Berry. "And the manure is placed where it will do the most good for the crop."

Traditionally hog, and other types of liquid manure, have been applied in surface application methods. The manure is hauled out in tanks and spread on the land; sometimes it's pumped through a pipeline and applied with irrigation equipment. Some contractors have large tank trucks with rippers on the back that can also plow manure into the soil.

"All these methods have a place and can work quite well," says Ayers-Berry. But they all have drawbacks too, he points out.

Manure applied on the soil surface can evaporate, resulting in as much as a 50 per cent nutrient loss. Also, under certain conditions it can be offensive to anyone living or working down wind.

There's also a risk with surface-applied manure. If it isn't incorporated into the soil with tillage, it could be washed off a field by rainfall or snow melt.

The large tank trucks that inject manure into the soil sometimes place the manure too deep to be of value to the crop. As well, soil compaction, caused by heavy equipment moving back and forth across a field, is a concern.

"We look at our new injection service as a manure management system, and not just waste disposal," says Ayers-Berry. He's a partner in a company that operates two hog farms in central Alberta. They also offer agricultural consulting, as well as manure handling services.

"In situations where there is a concern about odor, manure runoff or soil compaction, or if a farmer just wants to get the most value out of the manure being applied to

the land, then injection makes sense," says Ayers-Berry.

With a strong public interest in environmental protection, and increasing conflicts between landowners, Ayers-Berry says practical, efficient, and inoffensive manure disposal techniques are needed.

"Farmers have a job to do, and the vast majority are interested in proper land management," he says. "Many also recognize the value of promoting good-neighbor relations too."

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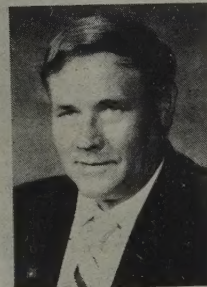


Agriculture Week 1993 The Seeds of Opportunity

Agriculture week provides an opportunity to salute Alberta's Agriculture industry. The industry has always been the cornerstone of the province's economy. While recent events have affected the industry's ability to prosper and grow, Alberta possesses the necessary "seeds of opportunity" to become a leading supplier of the world's food products, agricultural commodities, services and technologies.

Alberta's agricultural "seeds of opportunity" lie in the strength of our people, our superb agriculture resource base, our supportive research and technology transfer systems, and well-developed transportation, shipping, energy, health and education services.

Through the Creating Tomorrow process, a series of meetings were held across the province. Albertans were asked for their opinions and ideas about the direction that the agriculture and food industry should take. In an industry-wide, cooperative effort, Alberta's agriculture and food industry is turning those ideas into action plans - and building on our "seeds of opportunity."



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Farmers have a tough workout

"I couldn't farm if I didn't weld — farming doesn't cover the expenses"



THE MAIN JOB — Marc Michaud takes a look at one of his cows. Though he welds in the winter farming is his first love and his main source of income.

Bruce Campbell
Staff Writer

A lot of farmers have been "working out" this winter in the St. Paul area.

No, they aren't pumping iron, they've taken off-farm jobs to supplement their income for the winter months.

Marc Michaud, who runs a mixed farm 3.5 miles southwest of St. Vincent, has been working as a welder four of the last five winters.

Though he considers himself firstly a farmer, he has to

weld in order to survive, he says.

"I couldn't farm if I didn't weld — farming doesn't cover the expenses," Michaud said. "Off-farming keeps us alive ... To me it's a matter of survival. It's better than sitting around all winter being depressed."

Michaud is a prime example that it pays to stay in school. He says if he hadn't have gone to NAIT and Lakland College to receive his journeyman's ticket, he would be forced to

take a much lower paying job for the winter.

But it does have its drawbacks. With a wife and three kids — and another on a way — he wishes he had more time for his family.

Michaud wakes up at 6 a.m. to "feed and clean the hogs" and then it's off to Bonnyville to put in a full day's work welding.

Upon getting home around 6 p.m. he still has another hour's worth of chores before settling down for supper.

"The tradition of raising the family on the farm as the ideal place has diminished a bit," Michaud said. "When you have to work out, you lose some of that."

"I only see the kids for about an hour at night. It seems like they eat and then it's off to bed."

"And when you work out all week, you have to do all your farm work on the weekend."

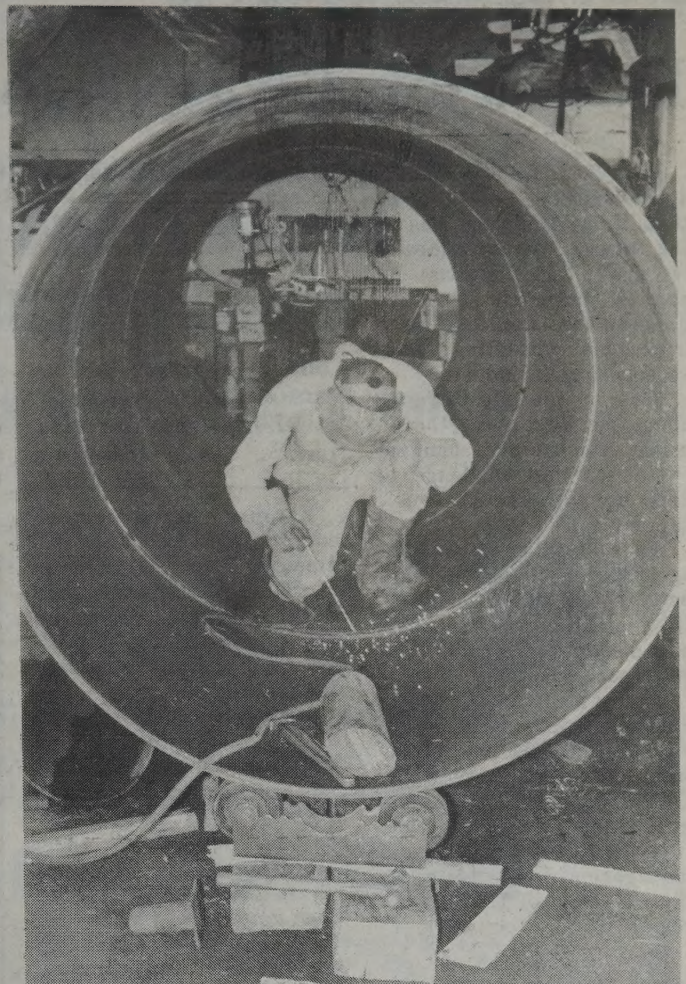
Rae Michaud says having her husband working out is a necessary evil.

"It cuts into a bit of your family life," Rae said. "On weekends he has to make up for all the work for when he's away."

"He's so tired, we don't do anything on weekends."

Fortunately, the Michauds have a lot of support.

Rae said: "If it wasn't for Marc's dad (Ted) things would be a lot more difficult."



WELDING TWO OCCUPATIONS TOGETHER — Marc Michaud shows some of the work he does off the farm in order to supplement his income.

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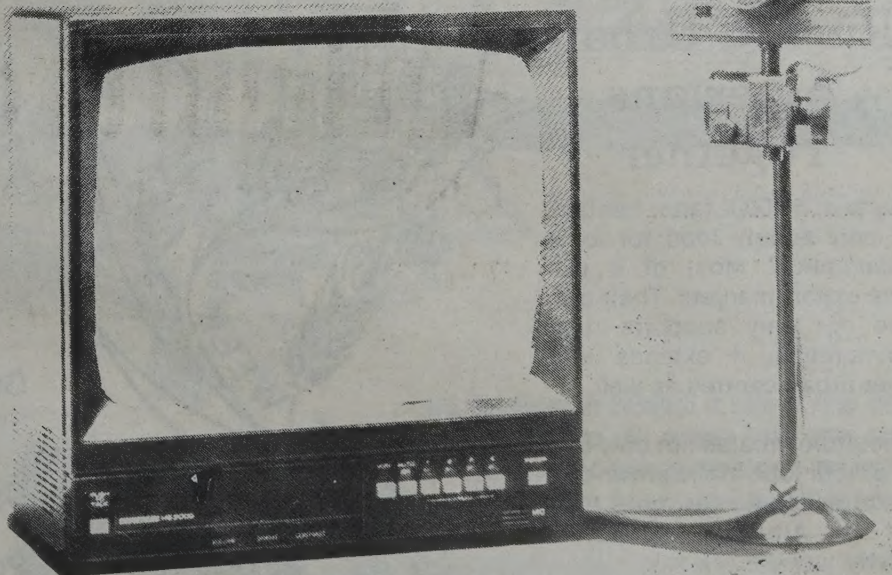
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D.A.'s job always a challenge

After 20 years as a district agriculturalist, one might think Terry Holmgren has all the answers when it comes to the agricultural industry. He admits, however, that he doesn't. That would be quite impossible considering the diverseness of the industry.

"One of the great things about the job is that the industry is constantly changing and it's a real challenge to keep up with the changes," says Holmgren.

His is a familiar face in local agricultural circles as he's been the DA here since 1973. It's a job he enjoys immensely and his enthusiasm for it is very much apparent.

A farm boy who grew up in on a small mixed farm in Eckville area, Holmgren took his training in agriculture at the University of Alberta. After graduating he spent some time working in farm business management before taking on the challenge of DA for this region.

His duties as DA are primarily threefold, according to Holmgren. He provides information and education for farmers, administers various support programs and serves as a liaison between farmers and the government.

As the agriculture industry has grown and changed through the years, so has Holmgren's job. While he's still in the business of providing a helping hand to farmers,

the nature of information being requested and how it is provided has changed to a certain degree.

"Farming has become much more sophisticated and, subsequently, the information has to be much more in tune with that." Holmgren

"Farming has become much more sophisticated and, subsequently, the information provided has to be much more in tune with that," Holmgren says, adding that the information also has to be passed along quickly.

"It used to be we could mail out the information once we got it, now they expect very, very quick service. We have to locate it that much faster and get it out to them quicker."

And, the local agriculture office gets quite a variety of requests for information ranging anywhere from how to raise llamas to what to do about household pests. No kidding.

"We get our share of odd-ball requests, that's for sure. But, we do what we can. It can be quite a challenge sometimes. There's certainly a terrific variety."

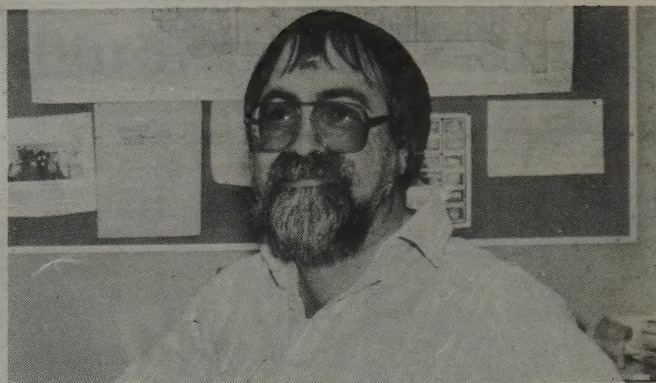
For Holmgren, the part of the job he enjoys the most is when he's working directly with the farmers.

"The fondest memories I have are of working with farm groups and following up what they're doing. I've always enjoyed getting out onto the farms and looking at what they're doing firsthand."

While he lives in town with his wife and family, Holmgren

hopes to one day retire on a small farm, although he plans to remain in the St. Paul area.

"Farming is still the best way of life."



CHALLENGING BUSINESS -- His position as district agriculturalist with the St. Paul office manages to keep Terry Holmgren on his toes. While the industry has changed substantially in the 20 years that Holmgren has been a DA, he maintains that farming is still the best way of life.

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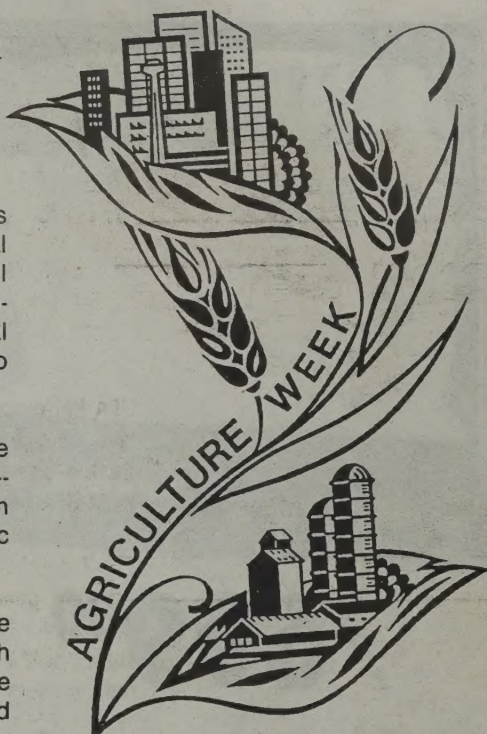
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Bulls sell just as well at home

Dale Anderson
Staff Writer

Dennis Trachuk hit the bullseye recently when he decided to hold his own bull sale on his farm near Two Hills.

Trachuk has been trucking his Charolais around the province for the past 12 years, attending all the major bull sales, but he found it was getting expensive.

"Last year I took 10 animals to a sale and by the time all the dust settled it cost me over \$200 per animal to sell them and I figured I could do it a lot cheaper at home," Trachuk said.

Expenses are expected when a producer looks at selling his stock but he figures it was cheaper this way. Besides, even after taking 10 animals to an out of town sale, he would still have to sell the bulls left at home.

"Every potential buyer is not necessarily a buyer. People will tell you they're coming out and sometimes never show up, either their cows were calving or the truck broke down, whatever, selling one at a time can be very time consuming."

About 300 people were drawn to the event from an 80-mile radius. Some came even further, while others sent their bids in.

The 41 animals sold, out of the 47 on offer, brought in about \$93,000. The top selling bulls fetched \$4,000 and \$4,250, respectively. The two-

year olds averaged \$2,456, while the one-year olds brought an average of \$1,844.

The event wasn't easy, by any means.

"No matter how you sell your bulls there's a lot of work, and this was a heck of a lot of work, but I was really happy with the outcome," Trachuk said.

Those in attendance were also treated to some good home cooking and the down home music of Quackgrass, Dennis and his daughter Jamie, who have been known to sing a tune or two when asked.

The feedback from the buyers was good, according to Trachuk.

"Pretty well every buyer told me 'We really enjoyed this and, this is really nice you gotta do this again,' so I think we'll probably do it again."

But he still thinks it's important to keep hitting the show and sales.

"You might think you have the best animal in the world, but unless you go and compare it on a level playing field, along side the animals of other breeders, it might only be in your mind."

Trachuk was joined in the sale by his neighbors, Larry and Marge Horn, who contributed eight bulls; Lorne and Sylvester Lakusta from Andrew, with four bulls; and Lambert and Gail Love of Lavo, who brought another three bulls to the sale.

Conference looks at new pioneering

Pioneers of the latter part of the 20th century will share their stories at a farm diversification conference in Red Deer March 23 and 24.

Farm families diversifying their operations today are pioneers of a different kind than their ancestors, but their search has much in common with Alberta's settlers says Janette McDonald Adam, one of the Farmlife and Power conference organizers.

"These farm families are looking beyond traditional agriculture to a farming operation that will give them more independence and more control over their farm," she says. "In today's economic climate, you can't just produce more to increase your income. There's more to agriculture than production. Broadening your product in some way, or changing can reduce the need for off-farm incomes and even keep the family on the farm."

The two-day conference will feature farmers who have already taken the leap into a diversified business. "As our brochures advertise, come listen to their first hand experiences and take home some tools," says McDonald Adam.

"The emphasis in all sessions will be on practical, day-to-day decision making on the farm."

Key-note speaker, Norman Storch of Hanna will open the conference by discussing "You don't have to grow wheat to be a farmer". Storch and his wife Leona diversified from poultry to cattle and grain in 1974. They were Alberta's Outstanding Young Farmers in 1987.

Another successful diversifier will also share his story in a general session. From an experiment with 80 acres of sunflowers in 1992, Tom Droog of Bow Island has built Alberta Sunflower Seeds. The company employs 25 people as its plant and another 35 on the road selling products including the popular Spitz sunflower seeds.

The conference will continue with a number of select-a-sessions featuring other farm diversification stories. They include vegetables, tree farming, fish farming, farm manufacturing, flowers and herbs, and agricultural tourism. There will also be sessions on marketing, community revitalization and the basic principles that apply in new

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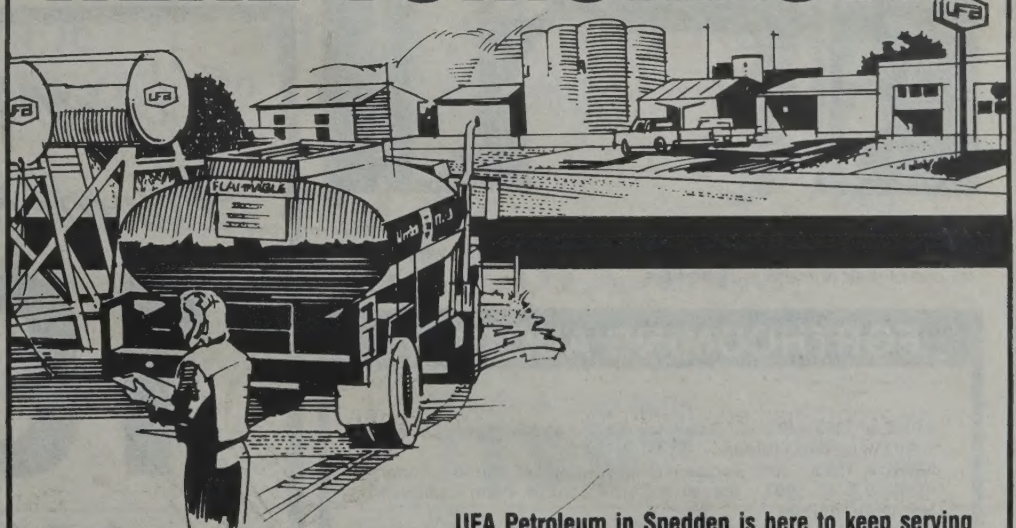
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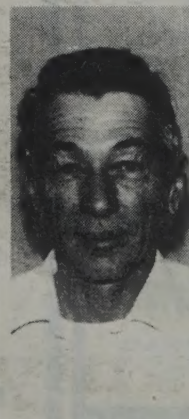


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Between producer and plate

Ralph Hallwachs used to drive through Elk Point with his cattle liner, look over at the packing plant and say, "Someday, I'm going to own that." A man who has looked at cattle from a variety of angles - as a producer, as a trucker and now back as a butcher, the job he started out with at age 16, Ralph and his wife Claire have recently purchased the former Elk Point Packers.

With the name above the door changed to 'Lakeland Meat Processors,' the front sales area enlarged and the killing area revamped, the Hallwachs are set to serve the needs of both producers and retail purchasers throughout the region. "I think it's a great area. Bonnyville has so much competition, but there isn't any close around here. We get a lot of people from St. Paul, too."

Ralph has had a vast amount of experience in meat cutting, from the small slaughterhouse operation he owned near Bonnyville in the 1970s, to managing the meat department in various supermarkets across northern Alberta, the most recently at Vallee's Super A in Bonnyville. He and his wife have three employees on staff.

His stint as a cattle producer started when he sold the slaughterhouse in 1975, when cattle prices were increasing. He also spent a number of summers following the Northern Professional Chuckwagon circuit, and ran at the Calgary Stampede and Cheyenne Frontier Days. The liner he hauled his horses in formed the basis of his trucking business which continued for 8 or 9 years until he sold out a year ago.

The Hallwachs opened for business on November 16 of last year, and were immediately inundated with business. "We killed 74 head our second or third week here," Ralph said. November was also hunting season, and in two weeks, Lakeland Packers processed 55 head of wild game and made a lot of sausage.

Sausage is one of the specialties of the house. Andre

Gagne, who is well known in this area and the Glendon area for his sausage making prowess, mixes up ham and garlic sausages, smokies, pepperoni and salami, as well as fresh pork and beef sausage and beef jerky. Two smokehouses accommodate the sausage products as well as hams and bacon. The facility has four coolers which hold well over a hundred head. Killing day is Tuesday,

with a government inspector on hand, and could be expanded to two days per week if necessary.

In addition to custom killing and processing, the Hallwachs purchase locally raised beef and pork to sell as retail cuts. They sell locally raised eggs, bread from Elk Point's bakery and birds from Lakeland Poultry in St. Paul, and try to deal locally as much as possible.



CUT TO ORDER - Ralph Hallwachs (right) and sausage maker Andre Gagne at Lakeland Meat Processors custom cut and wrap an order for one of their numerous customers.

FORTHCOMING AUCTIONS

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APRIL 15, 1993 -- Hans & Elsa Wyss Farm & Real Estate, Myrnam, Alberta. NW 1/4-4-54-8-W4; SE 1/4-8-54-8-W4.
APRIL 16, 1993 -- Little's Farm Machinery Consignment, Vermilion, Alberta.
APRIL 17, 1993 -- Bob and Clara Wanlin Auction - Household and Acreage Equipment, Mannville, Alberta.
APRIL 19, 1993 -- Eugenia & Eddie Ostropolski Farm Auction, Clandonald, Alberta.
APRIL 23, 1993 -- Estate of John Melnyk Farm Equipment, Minburn, Alberta.
APRIL 21, 1993 -- Peter Palinka Farm Auction, Elk Point, Alberta.
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Championship birds flock together

They say birds of a feather flock together and that appears to be true at Betty Turton's farm near Vilna. She raises, breeds and shows a variety of exotic fowl and a good number of them are

champions - they have the ribbons to prove it.

Turton has shown her birds at three shows recently and returned home triumphant with a good number of red

ribbons and championship trophies.

In November of last year she took a number of birds to the Edmonton Northlands Farmfair Poultry and Rabbit Show, many of them came back winners. She also had a successful outing at the Lloydminster Golden Feather and Fur Show during the same month. In February, she had her birds competing in the North Central Alberta Poultry Association show in Wetaskiwin.

Her winnings at these three shows are too numerous to mention here but to just to give you an idea of how well the local breeder is doing here are a few of her placings.

At the Edmonton Northlands Farmfair Poultry and Rabbit Show. Her Bronze Turkeys won a reserve grand champion, a first and a second place ribbon. Her Langshan rooster was awarded the American Poultry Association Best of Breed and the Langshan hen was the reserve best of breed. Firsts were awarded to her Silver-laced Wyandotte rooster and hen. In the Bantam class she picked up numerous first place ribbons including a best of breed title for her Grey Japanese hen and her mottled Japanese hen.

Turton's White Silkies won a best of breed title as did one of her Buff Brahmas hen. A Mille Fleur rooster picked up

a best of breed and one of her Black Rose Comb hens was awarded a best of breed.

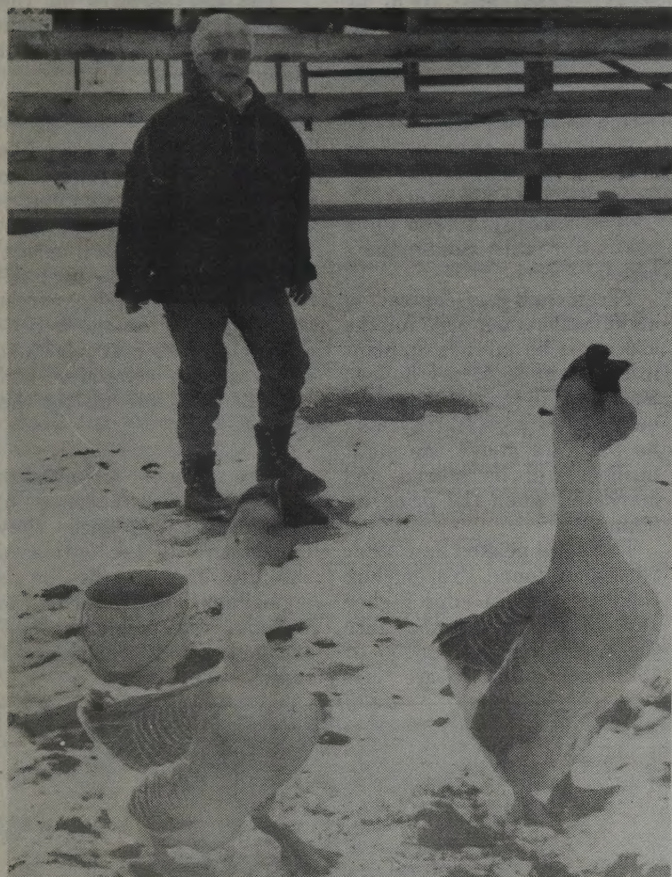
At the Lloydminster Golden Feather and Fur show, also in November, Turton again proved herself capable of raising award-winning birds. Her male and female Bronze Turkeys male and female took grand champion honors. A Langshan rooster won a reserve champion. In the American class, her Silver-laced Wyandotte rooster claimed a second while a hen won a first. The Bantam class also proved very fruitful with many of her birds winning first and a Mottled Japanese hen took the American Best of

Breed award as did a Grey Japanese pullet. Many of her other birds also came home with red ribbons.

The North Central Alberta Poultry Association show in Wetaskiwin was held in February and this one also proved to be a great success for Turton.

An African gander was awarded the grand champion title, while the female took a first place ribbon. Langshans, Buff Orphingtons, Silver-laced Wyandottes, Japanese Bantams and a variety of other breeds all proved to be in winning form at this show.

Congratulations to Turton and her feathered friends!



WINNING DUO -- This pair of African Geese were red ribbon winners for Betty Turton, also pictured, at the North Central Alberta Poultry Association Show in Wetaskiwin in February.



RIBBONS GALORE -- Betty Turton shows off the ribbons and trophies she has won in recent months for her exotic fowl. Turton, who raises a variety of exotic birds on her farm in the Vilna area, takes pride in producing only the best.

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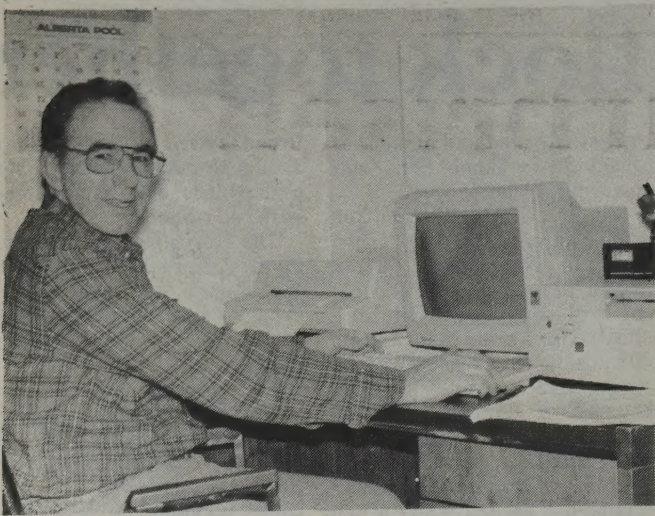
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SATELLITE MARKETING -- Myrnam-area farmer Oswald Yaremchuk was one of the first farmers in the province to purchase Globalink. A satellite system which provides him with instantaneous agricultural market information.

Learning to manage the farm

Former St. Paul district agriculturist Kirsty Piquette has discovered there's more to managing a farm than trying to figure out how much to seed.

Piquette has taken a leave of absence from her AD duties since Aug. 1 to be a "coach" of the Canada-Alberta Farm Business Management Initiative.

"It's to help the farmers manage the farm, so the farm isn't managing them," Piquette said.

Piquette is in charge of coaching 12 districts in north-east Alberta -- an area which has always been known for its high productivity.

"Farmers in this area have been very good at producing ... But by learning some of the management skills they can get greater control of their farms."

Piquette and the FBMI have established a pilot project in St. Paul dealing with strategic farm planning and management.

The program concerns long-range goal planning for farmers and their families.

"It will give farmers a good handle on what they want to do," she said. "It's long range planning where they actually have to write their goals down."

The program includes such long-range financial plans as retirement or paying for a child's university -- things that may not be on the forefront of the farmer's mind when they're planting crops.

One of the benefits of the program is it gets the whole family involved in understanding the economics of running a farm.

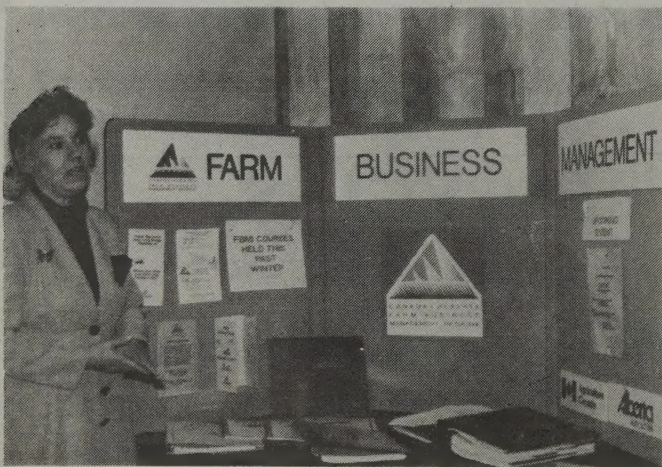
"A child might learn to understand why he can't have that expensive pair of runners if he knows what's going on," explained Piquette.

The Farm Business Management Initiative is also offering courses in using computers for farming, a retirement workshop, the establishment of marketing clubs and a gear-up advantage program, where farmers can learn bookkeeping skills.

Piquette is serving the districts of St. Paul, Two Hills, Lamont, Bonnyville, Provost, Smoky Lake, Vegreville, Vermilion, Lloydminster, Lac La Biche, Wainwright and Ryley.

Anyone interested in registering in any of the class may contact Piquette at 645-6301.

Piquette will resume her duties as St. Paul DA in the next couple of months.



FARM MANAGEMENT -- Kirsty Piquette presents some of the features of the Farm Business Management Initiative Wednesday at the St. Paul Agriculture office. Piquette says it is important for a "farmer to manage the farm and not have it manage him."

Marketing for a fair price

Dale Anderson
Staff Writer

Walking into Oswald Yaremchuk's farm home is like walking onto the floor of the Winnipeg Exchange and into the future of farming -- where a farmer can spend as much time on a computer over the winter months as he does on his machinery during the summer.

The Myrnam-area farmer was one of the first farmers in Alberta to buy Globalink last spring, a satellite system which transmits agricultural market reports to his home computer instantly.

"Farmers have to keep up with this information, it's almost a must. It's not enough to just grow good crops any more, you have to know how to market what you produce," Yaremchuk said.

Two Hills district agriculturalist Shane Dobson concurs.

"You can't just load the grain on the truck and deliver it to the elevator and expect to get the best price, there's a

variety of different ways to market grain," Dobson said.

Globalink provides Yaremchuk with market news, 10 minute market reports and a host of in-depth daily and weekly analysis. He's invested heavily in the system, \$1,100 for the satellite dish, a monthly \$54 U.S. subscription fee and the home computer, which he already had.

He feels it's an investment that will continue to pay dividends well into the future.

"I've already locked in a profit for this September's canola."

Yaremchuk has contracted eight bushels per acre for the 450 acres he intends to plant in canola at \$6.55 per bushel. He says it costs him just under \$6 to grow it. Anything he harvests above the eight bushels will be stored and marketed when the price rebounds.

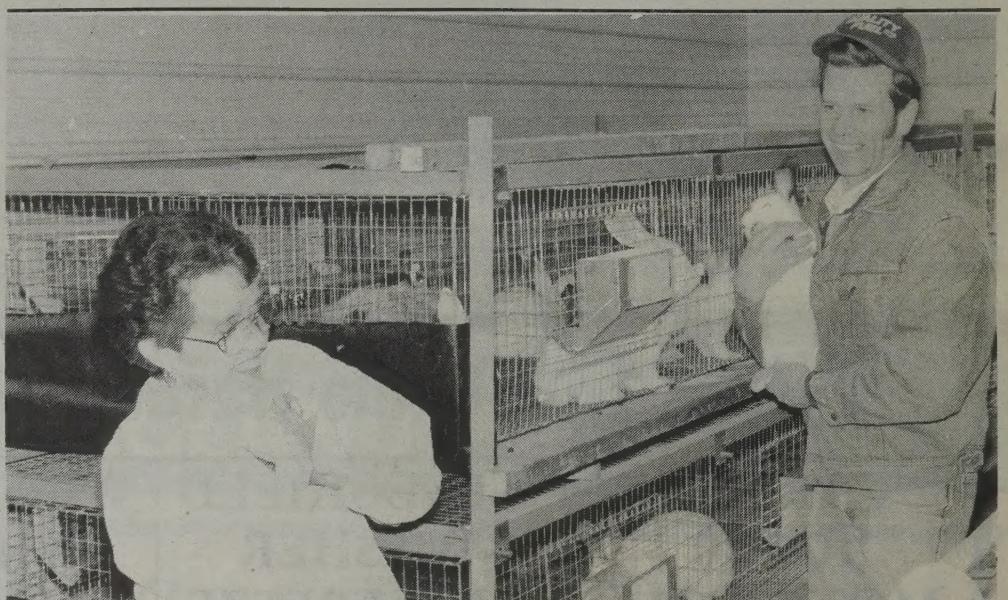
The price peaked Jan. 19 at \$323 per tonne. Yaremchuk thought it might edge higher and waited, only to lock into the steady decline Jan. 27 at \$321 per tonne. Late last

week future prices for September canola had dropped to \$313.90. The price is expected to drop even further, maybe as low as \$280, because high acreage is planned.

"You can't always hit the peak but at least you can come close," Yaremchuk said of buying futures.

Marketing isn't new to Yaremchuk, he's got scribbles dating back to the 70's that are filled with reports he culled from daily radio broadcasts. The computer and satellite link simply make it easier. He doesn't have to be positioned with pen and paper in hand waiting for the broadcast, when he's ready he just fires up his computer and beckons the information he desires.

More and more farmers are embracing the concept of marketing and once they understand all the options a satellite link might be a logical next step, according to Dobson, who sounds quite enthralled with Yaremchuk's setup.



RABBIT TRADE -- Terry and Elaine Boorse recently diversified their Two Hills-area farm to include raising rabbits for consumer consumption. They say the meat is healthier than the standard fare of meats available and that it will gain in popularity. They currently market the meat directly to the consumer but hope it won't be long until the tasty-white meat is available from your local grocer.

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Cattle breeder surprised

If you would have told Gloria Oughton 20 years ago that one day she'd be raising cattle for a living, well, she'd have laughed in your face. Plain and simple.

But here she is today, doing just that on a farm in the Vilna area and doing it very successfully, we might add.

"I was born and raised on a farm near Consort but I never so much as saw a calf being born. My mother believed it was no place for a young girl," Oughton says with a smile.

Well, times have changed and so has Oughton.

Today, you'll find her quite at home around her 75 head of purebred charolais and char-cross cattle, doing whatever it takes to make the ranch a success.

Married to her husband Trace in 1968, the couple made their home in Calgary, where Trace worked in the petroleum industry. However, as fate would have it, they found their way north, buying the house and land near Vilna in 1974. Her husband operated a bulk fuel station in Vilna. Today, he is the manager at the seed cleaning plant.

After a year of having nothing on the farm but a couple of pets, Oughton decided to buy some holsteins. The farm's previous owners had operated a dairy producing cream. And, before you knew it, that's exactly what Oughton was doing.

"We had a lot of problems

with water, the well went dry in the winter. I could have written a book. But you learn in one big hurry, especially when you've never milked a cow in your life."

Gradually, Oughton started experimenting with different breeds of cattle, nothing serious mind you. In her words, "we were just playing around."

Finally, she settled on Charolais and, in 1988, attended the First Canadian National Breeders School in Olds.

"I wanted to become more familiar with the proper selection of bulls and females and, at that time, I was still trying to decide between commercial and purebreds. I have a limited land base here and I decided I could make the farm pay more with purebreds."

Today, Oughton is producing top quality Charolais from cattle she's purchased from some of the top breeders in the country. She's not only raising purebreds, her commercial herd allows her to balance out the cash flow through the year, she says.

Her success in the cattle business didn't happen overnight. It came with a lot of determination and even more hard work.

"I don't ever start something from scratch. I jump in with both feet."

For someone who once didn't drive a car in the city, Oughton has taken a few peo-

ple by surprise, she admits.

"Since I've been here there isn't a damn thing I haven't been on."

Oughton puts up all her own forage for the cattle and, when the machinery breaks down, she fixes it.

Oughton doesn't perceive herself as being anyone special.

"I really believe in what I'm doing. Sure, there are days when you stand out in the yard and question whether you really need it all.

"It's amazing how many women are in the purebred business, who are actually behind the scenes running the

operations. Women have always been a major force in farming but they were never recognized until now," Oughton says.

So what does she do with her spare time?

Well, there's the house which she and Trace are basically rebuilding from the inside out. Here, Oughton has proven her talent as an amateur interior decorator. Then, in the summer, there's the gardening to do. Flowers are one of her great loves.

As newly elected delegate for Zone 8 to the Alberta Cattle Commission, Oughton believes it is important for

cattle breeders to take the bull by the horns, so to speak, and be pro-active in the business rather than reactive.

"The last couple of years, cattle have given the largest returns to the agriculture sector. I'm very positive for the industry and its future and I want to be a part of directing it."

Chances are, if Oughton has anything to do with it, cattle will remain a bright spot in the industry.

"All segments of agriculture are very important. Where would we be without it.

"You can't eat a Honda."



PROGRESSIVE BREEDER -- Gloria Oughton is pictured here among her Charolais cattle which are, without a doubt, her pride and joy. She has a positive outlook for the cattle industry in Alberta and it's this attitude, combined with a lot of dedication and hard work, that has made this woman a success in the industry.



CELESTIAL CHAROLAIS -- Gloria Oughton surprised more than a few people when she started raising and breeding purebred Charolais on her ranch in the Vilna area. Her enthusiasm and interest in keeping in tune with the trends in the industry has made her business, Celestial Charolais, a successful venture.



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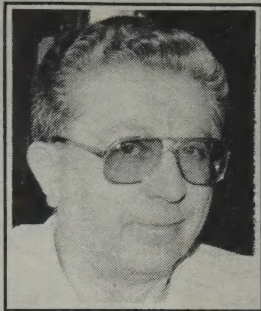


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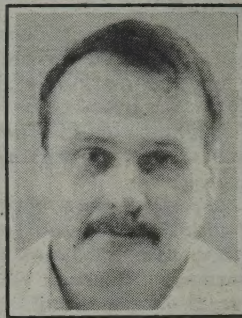
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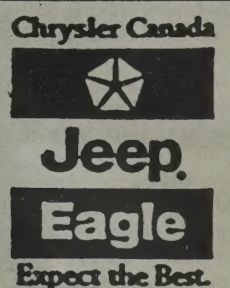
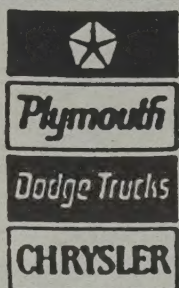
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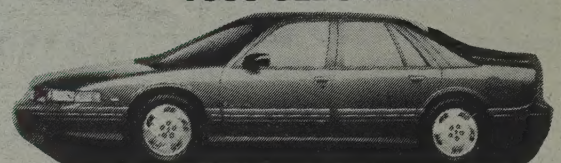
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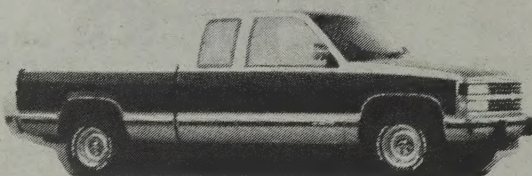
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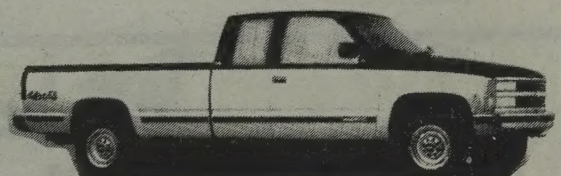
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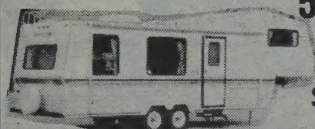
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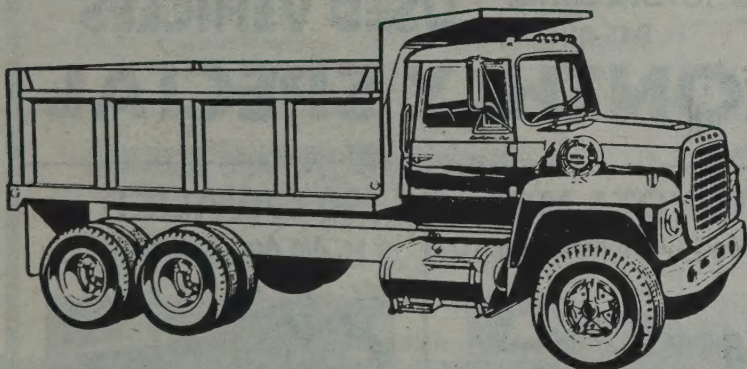
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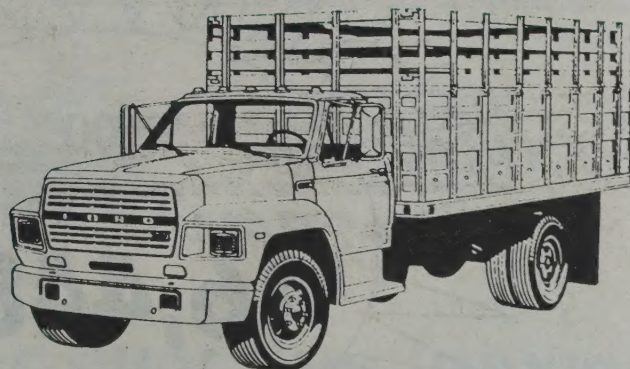
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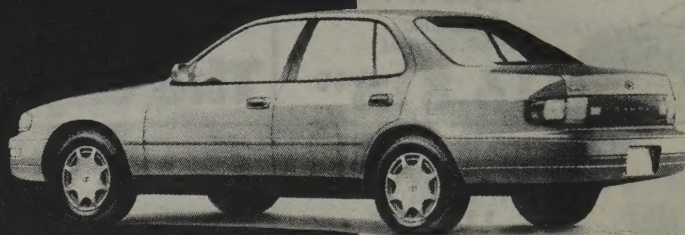
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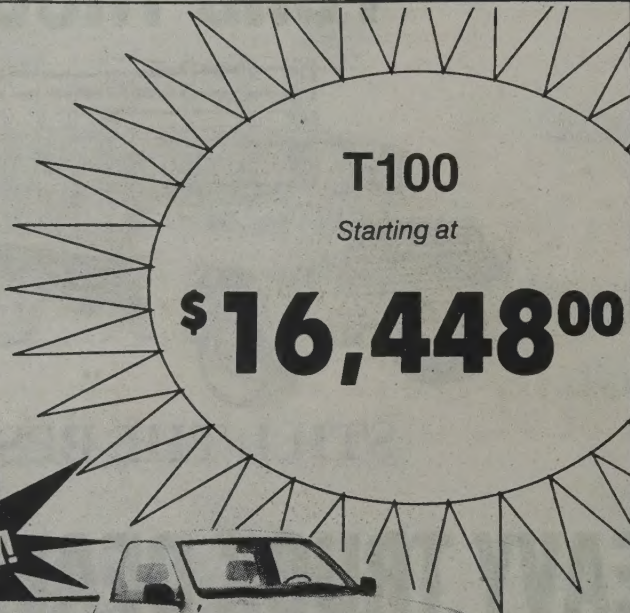
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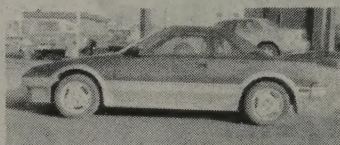


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Game birds an interesting venture

It all started when Allan Lakusta wanted to cook wife Stephanie a pheasant dinner. The two had a cooking job at a girls' camp on Pigeon Lake in the summer of 1991, and kept passing a 'Pheasants For Sale' sign as they travelled back and forth to the St. Paul home of Allan's father, Manoly Lakusta.

Allan located a woman near Camrose who had "miles of pens" housing pheasants, and was selling her birds ready to change over to ostrich raising. Instead of his lone pheasant for the roast pan, he bought breeding stock and set about building pens at Johnny Krankowsky's farm south of St. Paul. He had five pens

built by the time he and Stephanie moved to a rented home near the junction of Highways 41 and 28, on property owned by Jim Hawkins and Sheila Thompson. From that time on, the business just took wing.

"We heard about auctions, and built another pen and another pen. We made a few contacts and got going enough, with begged and borrowed incubators, and now we have all this."

"All this" now includes fourteen breeds of pheasants, four types of quail, peacocks, wild turkeys, Chukar partridges, Muscovy ducks, guinea fowl, silkies and English game chickens, housed in four banks

of pens and buildings, all facing the midday sun and offering protection from cold north winds. A 60 by 120 foot, 15 foot high flight pen houses some of the pheasants and turkeys, and has a capacity of 400 birds, although Allan said he wouldn't want to put more than 300 in it. That sounds like a lot of birds, but wouldn't be hard to add up to. The Marian wild turkeys raised 45 poults last year alone, while the two Reeves pheasant hens hatched nearly forty chicks.

The pheasants are a colorful crew, from the seven-shaded Swinhoe to the charcoal plumaged, blue-eared pheasants, to the golden pheasants

whose male sports a 'cape' of fluffed neck feathers during mating rituals.

The Lakustas, who call their business Fair and Fowl Game Birds, are raising meat birds as well as breeding stock. They recently served up some of their pheasants as a tasty entree at the Fur Trappers Ball in Elk Point. A future venture would be a pay-to-hunt pheasant operation, and Allan also plans to try his hand at taxidermy, and has signed up for a course in that craft.

Bird raising is a continual

learning process, but the Lakustas have found a lot of material in the Elk Point Library and through interlibrary loans. They have also joined the Prairie Ornamental Pheasant and Waterfowl Association.

What's in the future for Fair and Fowl? More varieties, of course. Allan gets a dreamy look in his eyes as he recites his wish list: "Temminicks Tragopan and Malay Peacock pheasants, and a Humes Bartail pheasant...and maybe some exotics..."



GOLDEN PHEASANTS - At Fair and Fowl Game Birds.

Life on the family farm

When John Starosielski Sr. purchased his farm in 1938 near Floating Stone Lake, he had no idea he'd be establishing what may be the prototype of the family farm in northeast Alberta.

Three of his children, Tom Sr., Emil Sr. and John Jr. have started successful farms of their own.

Tom Sr. operates the original ranch near Floating Stone Lake, while Emil's ranch is near Owlseye, three miles north is John's ranch.

Things have changed considerably since John Sr. paid \$1,600 for a 320-acre farm with a few cattle and some chickens. The farm is now close to 2,000 acres with 700 head of cattle. But one thing Tom Sr. hasn't changed since purchasing the farm from his father, is the hard work ethic and the tradition of the family farm.

Practically everything on his farm has been built by him and his family; wife, Doreen; Tom Jr., 24; Ivan 22, Richard 20 and Iris, 16. Currently, the family is building a new house "across the road," where Tom Sr. and Doreen will be moving in the future.

Tom Sr. has settled down a bit as Tom Jr. and Ivan are handling a large part of the farming duties.

It's a job they've been preparing for all their lives.

Tom says he was feeding calves at seven years old "and driving a tractor when I was nine."

Ivan describes his duties as "feeding the cows and doing the chores - just performing my duties."

Richard is currently taking telecommunications engineering technology at NAIT.

Iris is a student at Ashmont high school.

Supper time at the Starosielskis' is a microcosm of the farm life. Everything Doreen prepares comes from the farm - the garlic, the butter, the potatoes, the meat, the vegetables and the berries.

Things have gotten easier for Doreen since the family got running water.

"I didn't have running water for a while and that was a little tougher," she says with a laugh. "Things aren't so bad now."

Doreen does the canning for the household and their pantry is stocked with canned fruits, meats and vegetables.

The berries come from the farm. Iris says in the summer she "was picking eight ice

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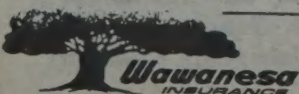
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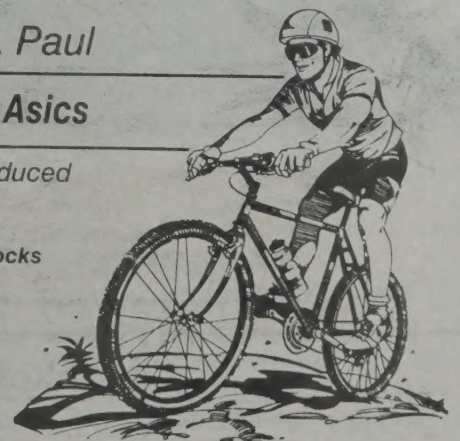
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Emil's place

Reading the insignia from his coffee cup, Emil Starosielski Jr. 28, summed up his opinion of running a family farm.

"They know all about you, but they like you anyway," Emil Jr. said. "That's how you describe the family farm. Sometimes they (your family) will make you so mad. That's

when you go to the other side of the field."

Emil Jr. and his brother, Andrew, have been running the Starosielski farm near Owlseye for the last four years since taking over from his father, Emil Sr.

It just seemed like the natural thing to do. He remembers doing farm work as soon as he was old enough to walk.

"I was picking rocks as soon as I could walk," he says with a laugh. "And I started doing more as I got older."

Emil Sr. purchased the farm in 1947 - a half section and seven head of cattle.

A far cry from the farm today - what with 13 quarters of land and 300 head of cattle.

The success is due to "the whole family working on the farm from the beginning," Emil Sr. said. "From the day they were born to the time they grew up."

Emil Jr. agreed.

"In one way or the other, everybody did something to improve the place."

"Everybody" is Emil Sr., wife Sheila; Norman, 38; Diane, 32; Emil, 28, Andrew, 24 and Sabrina, 20.

Only Emil and Andrew, along with their parents are at the farm. Andrew only on a part-time basis - he's currently studying at Concordia College in Edmonton.

But he'll be on the farm soon, according to Emil Jr.

"He has the farming bug."



SEASONED FARM HANDS -- Emil Starosielski Sr. has been farming in the Owlseye area since 1947. Clockwise from left to right: Emil Sr., Emil Jr., Andrew, Sheila and Emil Sr.'s grandson, Daniel McConnell.



NEW ARRIVAL -- It's calving time and local cattle breeders are keeping a close eye on their herds. Pictured here is a mother with her day-old calf on the ranch of Gloria Oughton.



THE FAMILY FARM UNIT -- The Starosielski family has been farming in the Floating Lake area since 1938. (From left to right) Tom Jr., Richard, Tom Sr., Doreen, and Ivan. Iris is standing on the tractor. The family built the machinery shed they are standing in.



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Set for spruce-up season

After a winter studying catalogues and filling out order forms, Daphne and Brian Schnurer of Cranberry Creek Tree Nursery are eager to get outdoors and start lining up their merchandise for their second season in the landscape enhancement field.

The Schnurers, who have just under half a section of land along the sloping north bank of the North Saskatchewan River valley just west of Highway 41, south of Elk Point, purchased the property from Gordon and Theresa McCuaig in August, 1991. The McCuaigs had spent several years planting and pruning a sizeable field of spruce, poplar, Mayday and other trees, which the new owners dug to fill customer orders. To increase the varieties available, the Schnurers also ordered in a thousand bare-root trees from a firm in Plains, Montana, who had also supplied stock to the McCuaigs.

What arrived was a shock. "I thought they'd made a mistake. We had ordered a thousand trees, and here was a box about the size of a kitchen table," Daphne said. The dormant trees, which had been kept in cold storage all winter before shipping, were brown and lifeless looking, but within two weeks after potting and watering, they burst into leaf and were customer ready. The majority of these trees survived the late snowfall, although eighty Scotch pines succumbed to the rapid change from unseasonable cold to the hot, dry weather that soon followed. A few others, and some rose bushes, fell prey to porcupines.

The Schnurers started the season with a booth at the Elk Point Trade Fair, where they showed off some of their pot-

ted trees and handed out price lists to interested fairgoers. They intend to be in this year's Trade Fair as well, as they feel this gave Cranberry Creek plenty of exposure. Daphne is also designing a new price list, which will include helpful tips on landscaping, general care and planting. She also plans to have a table each week at the Elk Point Farmers Market.

Their new price list will also include a number of new varieties, such as snowberry, Schubert chokecherry, Russian almond, silverberry, junipers, Amur maple and apple trees. They are expanding their selection of bushes and rose varieties, and will also be selling more perennials this year. Along with the Montana firm, the Schnurers obtain stock from Edmonton and Carman, Manitoba.

All stock is chosen for its suitability to the climate, Daphne notes. "We are in Zone 2, which means a minimum winter temperature of 50 below zero." Even the roses are varieties which are cold hardy for this area.

The Schnurers use peat pots for their trees, which means the bare roots, once planted in the pots, do not need to be disturbed again. "You just poke a few holes in the sides of the pots, and plant pot and all," Daphne said. "As the pot rots, it will nourish the plant." The pots also give the purchaser the advantage of not having to plant the tree as soon as he gets it home, as long as it is kept watered. It also prolongs the season for planting. "We still had people coming for trees in July, when it was too late to dig trees for moving. But we had stuff in pots, so could fill their needs." Plans for this year include moving some of the field stock

so that Brian is able to cultivate in both directions, eliminating much of the hand weeding which was part of

their very busy first season.

"This year will be even better," Daphne said confidently, gazing over the rows of trees

that will be ready to beautify homes and farmsteads when planting time arrives in the near future.



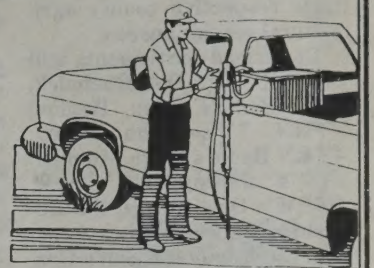
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A number of well-known Edmonton media personalities will be participating in a celebrity cow milking contest in West Edmonton Mall as part of Agriculture Week promotions.

The event is being staged by Alberta Agriculture district offices from Two Hills, Lamont and Minburn and their respective county agricultural service boards.

Confirmed participants will be: CBC TV's Bob Chelmick; CBC Radio's John Hanlon; CFRN TV's John Berry; CFRN Radio's Allan Mitchell; ITV's Jacqueline Clark; CFCW's Dave Brunz; the Edmonton Journal's Nick Lees; and the Edmonton Sun's Graham Hicks.

"It's a fun thing. We'll see who gets the most milk," said Shane Dobson, District Agriculturist for Two Hills, who admitted jokingly contemplating milking the cows out prior to the event.

While the event looks light-hearted, it's really just a vehicle to attract urban media attention to the grim realities of farming.

"We're simply trying to get maximum exposure from both the media and consumer which is why we chose West Edmonton Mall as the venue and a celebrity cow milking contest as one of the events."

The milking contest will take place around noon on March 11, near The Bay store, the first day of the three-day event.

Other attractions will include a petting zoo and a stock

dog demonstration. However, the stock dog will be herding ducks instead of the more commonplace sheep.

"There's a guy who does this with ducks all the time," Dobson said.

In addition, and the main point of the whole exercise, there will be about 45 displays by various agricultural lobby and interest groups with representatives on hand to discuss various aspects of the industry.

The agriculturalists hope to leave urban consumers with a better picture of agricultural subsidies, the farmers' commitment to the environment and safe food, and how many urban jobs are dependent on

agriculture and the resulting food processing industries.

"To get a clear picture across just requires taking a rational approach in explaining to them what it is, and avoiding the big headlines. And once you explain it to them this way, I think they'll understand," Dobson said.

This is the second foray into urban public relations for the group. Last year the three Alberta Agriculture offices and counties put on similar displays in Edmonton's Canada Place. However, being a government office tower, the venue didn't provide the consumer exposure they were hoping for, nor did the media provide the coverage desired.

Conference looks at new pioneering

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ventures from risk management to product distribution.

Registration is \$125 per person or \$200 per couple for the whole conference. This includes lunch and the GST. There is also a one-day registration rate of \$70 per person or \$130 per couple.

The conference is offered through the University of Alberta's faculty of extension. There are three ways to register. Call 492-3029 with a credit card number, FAX the registration form to 492-1216, or mail a completed registration form to Environmental Resource Management, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2T4.

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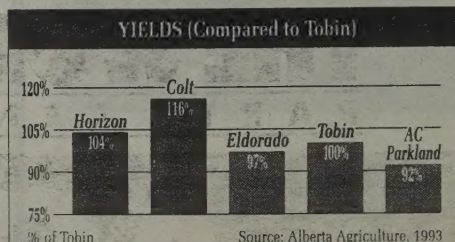
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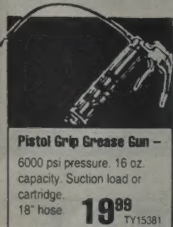
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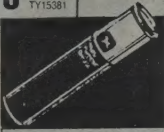
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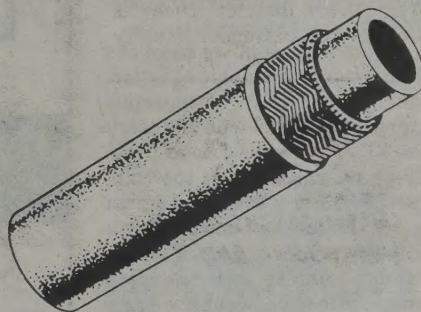


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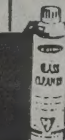
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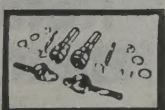
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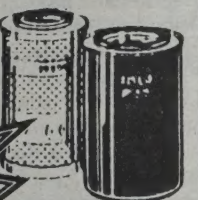


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Agriculture Minister looks to tomorrow

The goals and aspirations of Alberta's leading farmers will serve as the "seeds of opportunity" as the agriculture industry marches into the next century says Alberta Agriculture Minister Ernie Isley.

Referring to a recent two-day policy making conference in Red Deer, Isley noted the process for change has begun. "This isn't just window dressing," said the minister in an Agriculture Week interview. "We're talking about fundamental change. Change that farmers themselves say is necessary if their industry is going to not only survive, but prosper in the years to come."

The 1993 Agriculture Week is being observed in Alberta from March 7 to 13.

The Creating Tomorrow conference represented a significant change in provincial agricultural policy development. Following a round of smaller regional meetings across the province during the past year, some 450 producers and agriculture industry representatives from all sectors came together in Red Deer to voice their opinions on the direction future agriculture policy should take.

The more than 200 recommendations made at the conference will be referred to a

specially appointed council. The advisory council will form these recommendations into agricultural policy.

"Creating Tomorrow has formed a foundation of agreement among the various sectors of the agriculture and food industry," says Isley. "By identifying where the industry wants to go, we are hopeful that this initiative will provide a blueprint that shows how to get there."

The need for change has been brought about by a combination of national and international factors. Increased competition in both domestic and international markets, along with a global recession has forced a rethinking, restructuring and realignment of economies throughout the world.

The process has underscored that the competitiveness of the Canadian agriculture industry isn't keeping pace with its competitors.

"Farmers are saying the present structure just can't continue," says Isley. "The pressure is on to become as efficient and economical as possible."

"Achieving this goal means change," says Isley. "It was evident during the Creating Tomorrow process that the industry is calling for

government roles to change -- to be less intrusive, to be more facilitative. Internal friction in Canada must be minimized to ensure the best use of taxpayer dollars. Many of the existing institutions of Canadian agriculture have to be reassessed to achieve improved efficiency."

Farmers want to re-examine long-standing entitlements such as quotas for supply management, farm income policies, marketing jurisdictions, and the way rail transportation and other subsidies are handled.

"The message is for less government involvement and increased self reliance," says Isley. "It's a message that's not just coming from agriculture, but from all sectors of the economy."

While the problems are serious, and the changes are fundamental, the agriculture minister is confident the will of farmers is strong.

"I am confident we have the opportunity to achieve a larger and more prosperous agriculture and food industry in Alberta," says Isley. "I believe we can achieve the competitiveness we seek. Alberta can take on the world, but we cannot achieve any of these things unless we develop more effective working partnerships. We all must work together."

Dispose, don't wash

When Alberta farmers were first surveyed in 1984 about the types of clothing they wore while spraying, none were wearing disposable coveralls. That has changed.

"Just over one-third of the people who took the Farmer Pesticide Certification Program training last year now wear disposable coveralls as an extra layer of protective clothing," says Bertha Eggertson, provincial clothing and textiles specialist with Alberta Agriculture's home economics branch.

Multiple layers are the key to the best protection while handling pesticides, she adds. "The more layers, the more protection you have."

Basic protective clothing includes a long-sleeved shirt, full-length trousers, coveralls, unlined nitrile gloves, neoprene overboots or long rubber boots and a wide brimmed hard hat. Extra protection are hooded, disposable coveralls and a waterproof apron.

"While disposable coveralls provide extra protection, they do have limited use," stresses Eggertson. "They can be used again as long as they have only had limited chemical exposure and haven't been ripped or developed holes. Nor, should they be laundered."

If those conditions have been met, farmers must also remove the coveralls very carefully so they don't contaminate the inside of the coverall. As well, they should

be hung in a well-ventilated area away from both other clothing and people between wearings.

Eggertson also reminds farmers to use the coverall's hood. "The hood is excellent protection for your head area. This area has a high pesticide absorption rate, so the hood is yet another layer of protection. As well, the coverall fits better when the hood is up."

When a farmer handles concentrated chemicals, an impermeable apron worn over the disposable coveralls is

also recommended as the genital area has one of the highest absorption rates on the body. This area's absorption rate is almost 12 times higher than for the forearm.

Disposable coveralls should be replaced immediately if they are heavily splashed, or if rips or holes appear. They should also be replaced when they pill (balls of fibre appear on their surface).

As well, disposables shouldn't be burned. Instead, place in a plastic bag and take to an approved landfill site.



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Farmers must keep pace

Alberta farmers must keep pace with the rest of the world if they are going to survive, says Bob Graham, a long-time seed grower near Olds.

That's why plant breeding and crop development research is so important he says. "If we don't develop and adapt higher yielding, more efficient varieties, we won't be able to compete in the world market place."

Crop development is an internationally competitive field, says Graham, who operates an 1,100 acre pedigree seed farm. Researchers in the major crop-producing regions of Europe, the United States and Australia, for example, are all working to produce improved crop varieties.

As these new varieties come along, farmers in those countries produce better quality and higher yield crops. This could put Canadian farmers at a disadvantage.

"If someone else can produce it better and cheaper than we can, we won't be in business very long," says Graham.

Crop development research is carried on by a variety of players. Alberta Agriculture, Agriculture Canada, and the University of Alberta are some of the key publicly-funded plant breeding agencies in the province. Private companies and co-operatives

such as the Alberta Wheat Pool and United Grain Growers are among corporations also working on new plant varieties.

"Because of the time required to breed new varieties, crop development work has to look a long ways down the road," says Graham.

It takes 10 to 12 years to bring a new variety on stream, says Doug Cooper, director of Alberta Agriculture's Field Crop Development Centre in Lacombe. The costs for this type of research and development often exceeds \$1 million.

"But it's been demonstrated time and again that the payback to the economy from new varieties is more than 30 times the cost of development," adds Cooper. "So we see an excellent return on investment."

Plant breeders today have to be working on varieties that will be needed 10 years from now says Graham. "If we don't keep constantly improving varieties we'll quickly fall behind."

While some research is geared to produce new crops, most effort goes into improving existing varieties of grains, oilseeds, pulses and specialty crops.

Breeding is geared not only to improve yield, but to improve traits such as disease resistance, straw strength, oil

content, nutrient levels, cold weather hardiness, drought resistance, and days to maturity.

"The advantages in crop development and seed technology have been dramatic," says Graham. Twenty years ago, for example, central Alberta farmers couldn't grow wheat and field peas. The varieties available at that time matured too late, and had other characteristics not suitable for growing conditions.

"Now there are millions of acres of wheat and thousands of acres of peas throughout the region thanks to the development of new crop varieties," says Graham.

"If we don't maintain our plant breeding programs, we're going to lose out," says Graham. "It's an expensive business, with high risks. In the future we'll probably see public and private plant breeders working together more to develop varieties to meet market demands."



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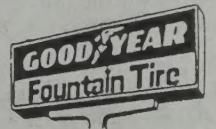
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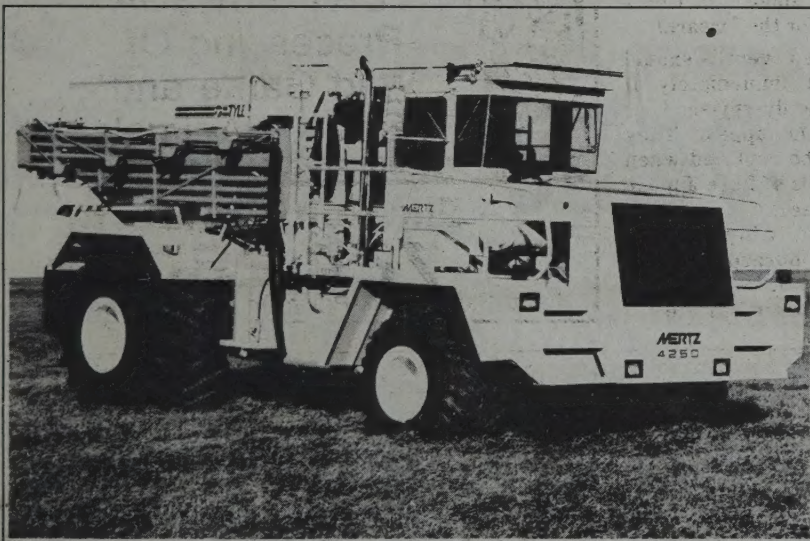
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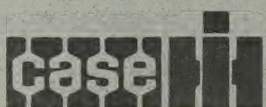
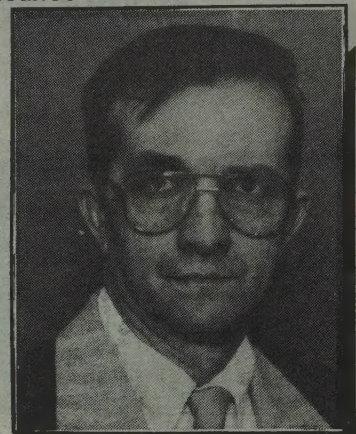
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